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Column One
BY David Courtney

EVER as many years as the calendar tells, men have hoped that the new year would be better than the old. It is not recorded whether it ever was. 1953 goes out, like most old years, amid a general sigh of good riddance; and 1954 comes in amid smiles of welcome: like seeing the last of a government that had become too tediously familiar and clapping hands at the government that promised us the moon at the hustings. This attitude is hard on 1953. It gave us a Republican Administration in the United States; exchanged Mr. Stalin for Mr. Malenkov; called a truce in Korea (and deserves our blessing for that even though the stock exchange charts and Mr. Syngman Rhee turned nasty about it); drove Messrs. Hilary and Tensing to the wind-swept top of Everest; and Mr. David Ben Gurion to Sde Boker.

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THE year might have done worse. It was born with an atomic spoon in its mouth and might have choked itself: clever as ninepence, it worked out the hydrogen bomb and distributed the monstrous secret equally between East and West. It probably should not have done that. But in the long run its indifference to democratic standards and Senator McCarthy's committee may prove to have been a good thing; for now that each of the ideologies has the means to blow the other to smithereens both seem fearful of war. Ordinary people have always been fearful of war. If 1953 has made the extraordinary people, the people who govern us, fearful of war, it has done well. Mr. Eisenhower's plan is the year's accolade: it could have been a warmer, more full-hearted embrace; but at least it was a tribute which the Old Year should be able to boast about to its fellows in the Shades.

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THE chubby infantilism of 1954 will not last long. It will be a precocious child without a doubt. Sired atomically it is likely to turn out as much a handful as 1953 was for its self-appointed and "popularly elected" godparents, who are by no means agreed about the best way of bringing up the brat. It is almost impossible to guess how it will shape. Shall we have a McCarthy year or a Malenkov year, an Eisenhower year or an Adenauer year, a Churchill or a Dulles year? The governesses are many, even to a Ho Chi Minh; and France, no doubt, as generous to the New Year as to the Old, will provide a fresh one every few weeks. And every now and then all of them will come together in the glass house on Manhattan and talk scandal about each other, leaving the neglected year to corrupt itself by pulling wings off flies in Indo-China or Kenya or some other far-flung playground.

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THE year is unpredictable, although just as there are many governesses to shape its course there are, of course, many soothsayers to tell us what that course will be. 1954 will not be a dull year for the newspapers. While less than a month old it will give us the four-Power conference of Foreign Ministers. If one of the four Powers has its way, that will be followed by a five-Power conference, including Communist China. Sooner or later something will have to be done about President Eisenhower's atomic energy plan. Indeed, 1954 will be a venturesome year if it has its way. It may even venture towards world agreement, if only to be different from its recent predecessors. But that, of course, demands a very special courage and an immense amount of goodwill. There was goodwill and good hope last night as the champagne-glasses clinked over the cradle of the New Year. Can we keep it up? Ask those scowling governesses in the nursery.

Jerusalem, January 1.

BEAUTY QUEEN BURNED

CANNES, France, Thursday (UP)— The adopted niece of the Aga Khan was blinded in the right eye today by an unidentified assailant who dashed vitriol in her face, burning it almost entirely.

The victim, 21-year-old Yvonne Blanc, won a Riviera beauty contest last year.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Dr. Alba Piesman, President of K.L.M. Airlines and world famed pioneer of civil aviation, died in hospital last night. He was 64.

THE JERUSALEM POST is obliged to publish only two of the four regular Friday supplement pages today because of a shortage of newsprint.

When the Mail Coach

was the speediest means of travel, washday meant physical exhaustion. But there has been progress — today you may safely entrust your washing to "Kessem" the self acting magic washer.

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Indians Renew Interviews With Chinese PoW's

PANMUNJOM, Thursday (UP). — Indian troops suddenly "screened" 4,285 anti-Communist Chinese war prisoners today, and 135 promptly requested repatriation.

An Indian spokesman said that he did not know whether the remainder of the 22,200 declared anti-Communist prisoners would undergo the same process. But it appeared likely that they would in an Indian Command move to give each man a chance to request repatriation.

The spokesman would not say whether the same chance would be extended to 22 Americans, one Briton and 327 South Koreans who want to stay with the Communists.

The regular 90-day explanation period ended on December 23 in almost complete failure, when both pro and anti-Communists refused to listen to the "come home" interviews.

There was absolutely no advance notice of today's operation. No observers or newsmen were present. Neither were representatives of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission at the screening scene.

Iran Parliament To Bar Communists

TEHERAN, Thursday (UP). — A Government spokesman announced today that Iran will take all possible measures during elections beginning in January to prevent Communists from winning seats in Parliament on their own or other tickets.

He said that polling for the new Majlis, and Senate definitely will get under way before the end of next month.

The spokesman added that discussions to settle the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute will have to take place in Teheran.

"We have shown all the goodwill necessary, and so has Britain," he stated.

However, he denied categorically British Press reports that an oil settlement had been worked out in London. Iran had no representative in Britain and any agreement needed the prior approval of the Iranian Government, he pointed out.

Germany Expanding Ties with Egypt

BONN, Thursday (INA). — The West German Government made it known today that it intends to expand its ties with Egypt.

During 1954, new German Consulates will be opened at Alexandria and Port Said. Exports to Egypt during the coming year will include orders already placed for material for the Egyptian Army.

German businessmen are encouraging the granting of favourable terms to Egypt to offset Egyptian anger at the Israel Reparations Agreement.

Man Has Chance To Build Peace: UN Chief

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday (UP). — Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, U.N. Secretary General, stated today that mankind has been given a chance "to build in time a world of peace" and said that the new year will judge whether 1953's events were steps towards that goal or to ultimate self-destruction.

In a New Year's message he said:

"We know that peace cannot be imposed on the world by the authority of any international organization, but we also know that we can lay foundations for lasting peace by unrelenting efforts to improve the economic and social conditions, under which the major part lives, and to strengthen the rule of law in international life.

"We know that we can further the cause of peace by creating safeguards against aggression and for peaceful solutions of international conflicts by negotiation. But we also know that ultimately peace can be achieved only as the result of a positive development of the attitude of individual men and women towards life and their neighbours.

Peace Begins at Home

"Our work for peace must begin within the private world of each one of us. To build for man a world without fear, we must be without fear. To build a world of justice, we must be just. And how can we fight for liberty if we are not free in our own minds? How can we ask others to sacrifice if we are not ready to do so?

"Some might consider this to be just another expression of noble principles, too far from the harsh realities of political life properly to be made the theme of this New Year's message. I disagree. Only in true surrender to the interests of all can we reach that strength and independence, that unity of purpose, that equity of judgment which are necessary if we are to measure up to our duty to the future, as men of a generation to whom the chance was given to build in time a world of peace."

Other New Year messages came from:

AUSTRIA's 81-year-old President Theodor Koerner expressed "bitter disappointment" that the Austrian State Treaty had not yet been signed.

BRITISH COLONIAL Secretary Oliver Lyttelton warned "Britain's enemies" that she is "not willing to allow any Communist State to be organized within the Commonwealth."

EGYPTIAN Minister of National Guidance Salah Salem commented that the year ends with Anglo-Egyptian contacts "being maintained" for a settlement of the Suez Canal Zone dispute.

FRANCE's outgoing President Vincent Auriol protested to diplomats who called on him today that French individualism had not degenerated into disorder or anarchy. It was not fitting, he said, to be hypnotized by France's political convulsions and governmental crises which tend to conceal the fact that the country is regaining its moral unity.

YUGOSLAV President Tito declared that the danger of war is becoming less and less likely — at least in the near future. "Rays of light are appearing on the horizon which, though slowly, are steadfastly piercing through the dark clouds which hover over mankind," he said in a broadcast.

WEST GERMAN President Theodor Heuss expressed the hope that the period of exchange of diplomatic notes with various preconditions would give way to "real negotiations." In a radio speech, he said that reunification of the German nation is an issue of wider than European significance. "A proper settlement of Franco-German relations is the key to developing a European consciousness."

Churchill: Threat Of War Diminishes

LONDON, Thursday. — Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill said today that the free world's growing strength and desire to reach "just and honourable agreements" has reduced the threat of world war.

In a message to the Conservative Primrose League, named in honour of Disraeli after his favourite flower, Sir Winston said that his Government had been able to boost the value of the pound and had repaired "the disastrous situation bequested us by the late Socialist Government."

Moscow Radio's New Year message claimed that 1953 was a bad year for workers in capitalist countries and that 1954 was likely to be worse. In Russia, it said, things are better.

"The old year ushered in a new stage in the development of the Soviet economy. The Communist and Soviet Government have set the task of organizing a sharp advance in the production of consumer goods on the basis of the achieved development of heavy industry," the broadcast added.

Soviet President Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, broadcast tonight a New Year message to the nation wishing the people new success in their peaceful construction work. He said the Soviet Government and people would continue by all means to promote peace in the world.

(Reuter, UP)

Spirits Gay In US

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — The end of 1953 finds American citizens celebrating their most prosperous year in history with exuberant liquid parties, while commentators look upon 1954 with fear and foreboding.

The dry, statistical sessions of the Conference of Economic Analysts in Washington have been featured all week by Page One headlines of recession and depression. But when one bores through statistical reports, one finds Americans trying to refute the prediction by Mr. Colin Clark, the British economist, of an American depression.

Only the slightest business setback may be expected, Americans say, and the Eisenhower administration is preparing to take steps to keep the industrial level at its present high record.

Meanwhile, "Time Magazine" has chosen Konrad Adenauer, "Apostle of Free Europe," as its "Man of the Year," eight years after the last German ruler committed suicide. Senator McCarthy was called "the most discussed man of the year," not for what he had accomplished, but for the noise he had made.

Savage Battle For French Fort Precedes Drive

SAIGON, Thursday (Reuter). — Vietminh rebels fought a violent small-scale battle today with the defenders of the key mountain fortress of Dien Bien Phu in Northern Tonking, arousing speculation that a major New Year rebel offensive may be launched in this area.

The French, who evacuated Laichau more than a fortnight ago, concentrated their defenses on Dien Bien Phu, which has a strongly fortified airfield and is on the main supply route from China to Southern Laos.

Today's fighting there cost the rebels 53 killed, while the French announcement said that their own losses were "much lighter."

This sector is 500 kilometres north-west of Thakhek, where the rebels cut Indo-China in two in a spectacular drive last week. But some military observers tonight thought that Vietminh Commander General Vo Nguyen Giap is not prepared for the heavy cost in lives which a frontal assault on the fortress town would mean.

They thought it more likely that he is trying to draw French Union reserves into Dien Bien Phu to pin them down there while he attacks elsewhere.

Scotch Mist

A Scotch mist usually falls over the mountains in mid-January and it may put the airstrip out of action so that troops could not rapidly be transferred elsewhere. When the mist descends, General Giap may slip past Dien Bien Phu and head South for the Laotian Royal capital, Luang Prabang.

Today the Vietminh attacked several French strongpoints in Northern Laos, notably Muong Ngoi, main French base in the Hou River valley between Dien Bien Phu and Luang Prabang.

Meanwhile, the Government of Laos has reported "enemy infiltrations" 150 kms. east of Savannakhet, chief French defence base on the Mekong River which borders Thailand.

Russia Restores E. German Plants

BERLIN, Thursday (Reuter). — Thirty-three of the largest industrial works in East Germany, former Nazi war plants, changed from Soviet to East German ownership today, the East German News Agency reported.

The factories have a total value of 2,700m. marks, according to the joint East German-Soviet Agreement of last August, when the decision to make the transfer was announced.

The works include chemical, heavy machinery, optical and metallurgical enterprises. All were requisitioned by Russia after the war as reparations.

800,000 EAST GERMANS HAVE FLED WEST

BERLIN, Thursday (Reuter). — About 303,000 East Germans fled to West Berlin in 1953, compared with 150,000 in 1952, the West Berlin City Government reported today.

The report said that the 1953 figure brought the total number of refugees arriving in West Berlin in the past five years to 617,200.

West Accepting Talks with USSR On January 25

LONDON, Thursday (UP). — The Big Three Western Powers informed Russia this evening that they are ready to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in Berlin on January 25, authoritative sources said tonight.

Identical notes will be delivered by the American, British and French envoys in Moscow, agreeing to the Soviet-proposed three-week postponement of the Four Power Conference.

The brief note already has been approved by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The Western Powers also agreed that representatives of the High Commissioners in Germany should meet without delay to work out practical arrangements for the Conference and decide on the building where they will meet, the sources said.

The West's notes have been worked out in close consultations by the Three Powers during the past few days, when it was decided to accept the Soviet proposals set out in the Russian Notes to the Western Powers of December 26.

The U.S., Britain and France earlier had proposed that the meeting be held on January 4 but they are now agreed that the new Soviet date is acceptable.

Moscow Asks For Powers' Cooperation

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Moscow Radio's commentator on international affairs, Boris Leontiev, in a broadcast today, said that the Soviet Government attached considerable importance to the forthcoming meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Berlin and to the Soviet proposal for a Big Five Conference, to include Communist China.

In a review of the main events of 1953 Mr. Leontiev added: "It has become obvious to all people with advanced views, and even to some bourgeois politicians in Europe, that under prevailing conditions, only through the united efforts of all the Great Powers working in concert with other Powers, would it be possible to achieve a relaxation in the existing international tension."

Mr. Leontiev reiterated that, in order to relax international tension, the Big Powers should solemnly pledge themselves not to use "Atomic, Hydrogen or any other weapons of mass destruction.

"An agreement on this question could become an important step towards a general elimination of weapons of mass destruction from the lists of the arsenals of the Great Powers and towards the establishment of a complete and efficient control ensuring that the agreements banning the use of Atomic energy for war purposes are carried out."

On Germany, he said that the Soviet Union is following "a policy which genuinely secures peace in Europe and is in agreement with the vital interests of France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and all other European countries."

Council at Last Session Calls for Federations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At last night's closing session, the Zionist General Council resolved on the establishment of a territorial Zionist organization in every country where such framework does not exist. It also called for the affiliation with the territorial Zionist organization of local groups which accept the Zionist programme, including the purchase of the shekel.

During its eight days of meeting in Jerusalem, the Council passed resolutions bearing upon every phase of Zionist work in the Diaspora and in Israel. In the field of education, the Council recognized Zionism. The delegates called for the strengthening of the pioneer movement in Israel and the Diaspora and demanded increased assistance in this regard from the Jewish Agency. The importance of religious education in the Diaspora and the Zionist and Jewish training of women were also stressed, and resolutions were adopted to increase their effectiveness.

In the area of public relations, the Council emphasized the right of every Jew "from whatever country or regime" to emigrate to Israel. It attacked the efforts of the Arab States to destroy Israel.

Other resolutions passed:

1) Fixed the 24th Zionist Congress for the summer of 1955;

2) Placed the question of the system of and representation to the Congress elections, including the double shekel, before the next session of the Zionist General Council;

3) Granted WIZO the right to designate five representatives in an advisory capacity to the next Congress;

4) Rejected a call for regional conferences of the Advisory Regional Councils in Europe and North Africa when objection was made that the authority and the means of choosing the representatives to these councils was not stated; and

5) Designated Tammuz 20, 5714 to Tammuz 20, 5715, the 50th anniversary of the death of Herzl, as "Herzl Year."

Not Affect U.S.

As passed, the organization resolution will not affect the Zionist Movement in the U.S., since it calls for establishment of territorial union in lands "in which such framework does not exist." The majority of the American delegation felt that the American Zionist Council represents a start in the direction of such a federation.

In countries where the local Zionist bodies are opposed to the formation of such union, the resolution stipulates that the decision will rest with the World Zionist Organization Executive. An objection that this power to decide might be abused by voting to establish a union in countries where the majority of parties in those countries opposed it, was countered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who stated that the discretion of the Executive could be relied upon.

In countries where only one group requested federation, it is obvious that the Executive would not recommend it, he noted.

Dr. Goldmann delivered a strong attack against Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrahi, who had offered a counter-proposal. He accused them of desiring "a perpetual crystallization of the *status quo*."

After the resolution had been passed by two sittings of the Council as required for amendments which change the Zionist Organization's structure, Mr. A. Handler, speaking for the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrahi, warned that "the resolution threatens the development of territorial Zionist organizations and is against the spirit of the statute of the Zionist Organization."

Its legality was doubtful, and Mizrahi reserved the right to bring the issue before the Congress Court. It also reserved the right not to participate in any national organization established on the basis of this resolution. This drew a sharp rejoinder from Dr. Goldmann. The report would be carried out, he said, and if Mizrahi did not follow its decision, such action would be taken into account.

Regarding the problem of the affiliation of individual, non-party Zionists in the territorial organization, the resolution states that the decision would lie with the majority of Zionist parties and groups contained in it. Where no decision was reached, the matter would be referred to the World Zionist Executive.

The implications of the decision concerning the affiliation of local groups which accept the Zionist programme were pointed out by some delegates. This would mean that hundreds of synagogue and temple groups would be able to enter such a federation.

Affiliation Problem

The problem of the affiliation of non-Zionist bodies was not mentioned in the resolution. Establishment of a consultative body for cooperation with the non-Zionist groups can be accomplished by the Executive without bringing it before the Council for decision, it is understood.

However, should it be thought desirable to empower such a body with executive powers, it would then have to be brought before the Zionist General Council.

The resolutions of the Public Relations Committee dealt with the serious political problems confronting Israel, the situation of the Jews behind the Iron Curtain and in Egypt and Iraq.

After the first resolution had been read, calling upon the "Jewish people and world public opinion to bring to naught the ... efforts of the Arab States ... aimed at destroying (Israel)," and Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, the Chairman, was about to call for a vote, Mrs. Judith Epstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin asked to speak on a point of order.

Mrs. Epstein said that, although the committee is named Public Relations, the tenor of the resolution was political and, although she agreed with the content, the wording required to be changed. As it stood, she felt that "it minimizes and destroys the effectiveness of the work we want to do."

The second resolution of the Public Relations Committee appealed to the Governments of the USSR, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary to "free those imprisoned for Zionist activities" and permit their immigration to Israel. A Mapam counter-resolution deleting the names of the four countries, and a counter-proposal by Herut for a stronger resolution, were defeated.

Third Resolution

The third resolution, appealing to world opinion to work for the freeing of those Jews in Arab countries who were imprisoned for Zionist activities, was passed unanimously, while the fourth resolution, recognizing the right of "every Jew from whatever country or regime to immigrate to Israel" was passed over Herut and Mapam opposition.

Increased educational work within the Zionist youth organizations was requested.

The Council stressed the need for developing the sending of emissaries to the Diaspora. A counter-resolution by the Herut Hatzohar that until a census was taken, the percentage of emissaries be adjusted according to the election results of the last Congress, was defeated.

The work of PATWA (Professional and Technical Workers' Aliya) was lauded. Special efforts were called for to strengthen educational activities among non-affiliated youth in the Diaspora.

3 New Members

The combined Jewish Agency Executive, meeting after the Council had adjourned, elected three new members to the Executive. In the American section, Mr. Louis Segal replaces the late Hayim Greenberg. In Israel, Mr. Meir Grossman succeeds Dr. E. Neumann, who is replacing Mr. Benjamin Browdy, and Rabbi S.Z. Shragai fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. I. Raphael.

Upon the recommendation of the Council's Presidium, the Executive also elected 13 members to the Bank Leumi, including Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Louis Segal and Dr. Neumann.

Ben-Zvi—Generation Stands On Threshold of Third Temple

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — President Ben-Zvi said tonight that our generation "standing on the verge of the Third Temple" would not wait as long for the ingathering of the exiles as had our ancestors.

The President received the Bialik Prize for Literature and Judaica awarded by the Tel Aviv Municipality for his book on Israel's exiles "Nidahei Yisrael" published recently. The second prize went to Mr. Ya'acov Fichman, the poet and critic, for the five volume collection of his prose.

The ceremony was held in the Municipal Council Hall which was packed to capacity, attractively decorated and gaily lit. Among the distinguished guests were Minister of Agriculture Peretz Naphtali and Minister of Police Bechor Shitreet.

The judges said that Mr. Ben-Zvi had been awarded the prize for his outstandingly diligent research and the new documents and facts collected which contributed to our knowledge of exiled Jewish communities.

Integrated Prose, Poetry

To Mr. Fichman the prize was awarded for his integration of prose and poetry in his writings and for the elevation of his critical writings on literary subjects to the degree of original art.

Mr. Ben-Zvi, who for many years had carried out research on the various Jewish communities in the world, said that long before the establishment of the State he had made it his major aim to contribute to the ingathering of the exiles.

In his years of travel and research, he said, he had found that there is a connecting link between all Jews, be they from the East, West, or Islamic countries, except that some are more and others less fortunate.

There are three ways by which integration would be achieved here, he said — by the 300,000 school children, by the Israel Defence Army, and by the pioneering efforts of the Histadrut to bring dignity to the Jewish worker, a task now carried on by the State.

The President said that he had at first been reluctant to accept the prize, feeling that it should be given to encourage youth and because he had feared that it might have been awarded to him due to the high office he holds. He was overruled on both issues, he added.

Mr. Fichman spoke of the poet Bialik, for whom the prize is named.

Mayor Haim Levanon, who presented the prizes — IL.500 each — said with pride that this is the 21st time they had been awarded and the seventh time since the creation of the State.

Mulki to Report To Parliament Tomorrow

An emergency session of the Jordan Parliament is to be held tomorrow to hear Premier Fawzi Mulki report on the decisions adopted by the Arab League Political Committee on direct peace talks with Israel, according to an official communique reported by the Arab News Agency.

Jordan's reply to the U.N. Secretary-General is to be sent on Sunday, but its contents will not be made public until Monday.

Yesterday, the Jordan Cabinet met for a special session to hear the Premier's report. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Mulki was received by King Hussein.

Pressure on Jordan

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — British Embassy sources said here today that the British Government is trying to prevail on the Jordan Government to accept Israel's invitation to direct talks under Article 12 of the General Armistice Agreement.

Army Plane Makes Forced Landing

An Air Force training plane made a forced landing near Petah Tikva yesterday owing to a defect in the engine, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. Two of the crew were injured and were taken to hospital for treatment.

M.A.C. Meets Further On Budrus Slaying

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, at an emergency session yesterday, continued to discuss the Israel complaint in connection with the murder of an Israel soldier near Budrus on Monday, the Army spokesman announced.

Because of the need to investigate further, the meeting was adjourned to early next week.

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission met in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon to continue discussion of the Israel complaint on the murder of an Israel soldier near Budrus on Monday, according to A.N.A.

This was the third emergency session on the subject, and again the Commission failed to reach a conclusion and postponed its resolution until next week.

The Commission decided to dispatch a mixed team of surveyors to the scene of the incident next week to draw a larger scale map than that used by the U.N. Observers who have investigated the incident so far.

It was understood that the two U.N. teams which so far have carried out the investigation had been meeting obstacles on the matter of the exact location of the incident, as the armistice lines in that area are not clearly marked, the Arab agency reported.

Epstein Knighted, Hore-Belisha Is Baron, in Queen's Honours

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter).— Queen Elizabeth created four new peers and knighted Jacob Epstein, the sculptor, and 84-year-old comedian George Robey, in her New Year's Honours List published here today.

The list, with awards for 130 men and women ranging from politicians to a factory workman, was finally approved by the Queen as she crossed the Pacific on her Commonwealth tour.

Heading the list is Lord Leathers, who becomes a Viscount. Born 70 years ago in London's East End, he rose to be a shipping and coal magnate. He resigned recently from the Cabinet.

New Barons include Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Sir William Strang, recently retired head of the Foreign Office and Sir Stanley Holmes and Mr. Richard Law, both Conservative M.P.'s.

Baron Hore-Belisha, whose name became a household word by his introduction of Belisha Beacons to mark pedestrian crossings while he was Minister of Transport from 1934-37, became a controversial figure as Secretary for War from 1937-40 by promoting many young officers to high rank, and has been in the political "wilderness" since the war. He is associated with the Sephardic community.

Hore-Belisha

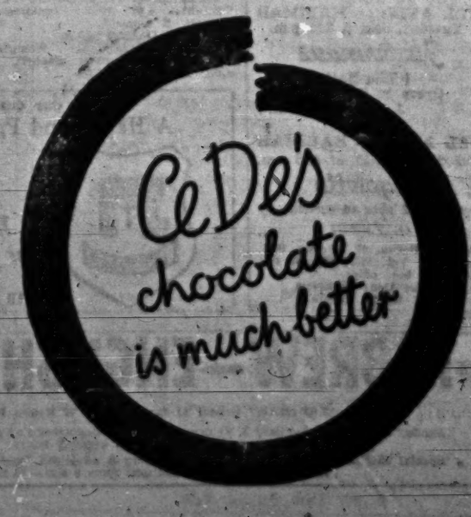
Sir Jacob Epstein was born of Russian-Jewish parents in New York in 1880. The world's most controversial sculptor, and generally considered the greatest of the present day, unwittingly made his art a topic of conversation with the man-in-the-street. His best-known works include the more than life-size Adam, Jacob and the Angel, Ecce Homo, and Rima (Hudson memorial). He has also executed busts of many prominent personages and of children.

US Said Backing Claims on Austria

The U.S. is maintaining pressure on Austria to pay restitution to Jewish organizations, "El Misri's" Vienna correspondent reports.

At two meetings with the American Ambassador, the Austrian Prime Minister is said to have given assurances that his country was ready to pay $1m. instead of the $12m. requested by Jewish organizations.

In Washington on Wednesday, a delegation from the Jewish Claims Conference conferred with Under Secretary of State George Murphy on Austria's rejection of the claims, INA reports.



Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, and Mrs. Janner.

Mr. Benjamin Browdy, Former President of B.O.A., and Mr. D. Moscowitz and Mr. H. Levine returned to the U.S. yesterday by T.W.A. after attending the Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem. Also aboard the plane were 10 American Protestant clergymen returning home after a short visit to Israel.

Sir Francis Raymond Evershed, Master of the Rolls, was guest of honour yesterday at a luncheon given by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, at the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem. Among those present were all the Supreme Court Justices, Judges of the District Court, Professors of the Hebrew University, and officials of the Ministry of Justice. Sir Raymond is here as a guest of the University. Sir Raymond was the guest of the Hebrew University at a dinner at the same hotel on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Kol yesterday entertained to lunch Mrs. Raphael Tourover of the National Board of Hadassah in connection with her participation in "Operation Reindeer," the American food shipment to Israel. Present were Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, National President of Hadassah, and representatives of the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Interior, and Social Welfare, and of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Mr. Hans Caspari, Manager of a chain of tourist offices in South Africa, arrived yesterday to investigate tourist possibilities in Israel. Also aboard the plane was Mr. M. Rothenstein, Chairman of the Hebrew Union in South Africa, arriving on a visit.

Shura Cherkassky will give his one and only piano recital in Tel Aviv tomorrow night at the Ohel Shem. He leaves Israel on January 7 to continue his European concert tour.

A concert by pupils of the New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music will be given at the Bet Hahalutzot, Rehavia, Jerusalem, at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Dr. Hanni Elsinger-Katz, 9 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv, has returned from Europe.

BIRTH

FRISCHWASSER — To Estelle (nde Khan) wife of Mr. H. F. Frischwasser, on December 30, 1953, at the Hadassah "A" Hospital, Jerusalem — a son.

1954 ARRIVES LATE BY .3 OF SECOND

NEUCHATEL, Switzerland, Thursday (U.P.).— The New Year arrived approximately three-tenths of a second late, according to astronomers here who keep official time for the watchmaking Swiss.

Prof. E. Guyot, director of the Neuchatel Observatory, explained that years are growing longer because the earth's rotation is slowing. At the present rate of retardation, which is accelerating, the year will be roughly 30 seconds longer in 100 years and 30 minutes longer than now in 1,000 years.

Cattle Corporation Set Up

A new enterprise to raise cattle in this country — the American Israel Cattle Corporation — has been established in the State of Delaware, U.S.A. The Corporation will have a share capital of $2m. but will commence operation as soon as it has $200,000.

During 1954, it plans to ship to Israel between 1,000 and 6,000 head of cattle, in accordance with the rate if its development.

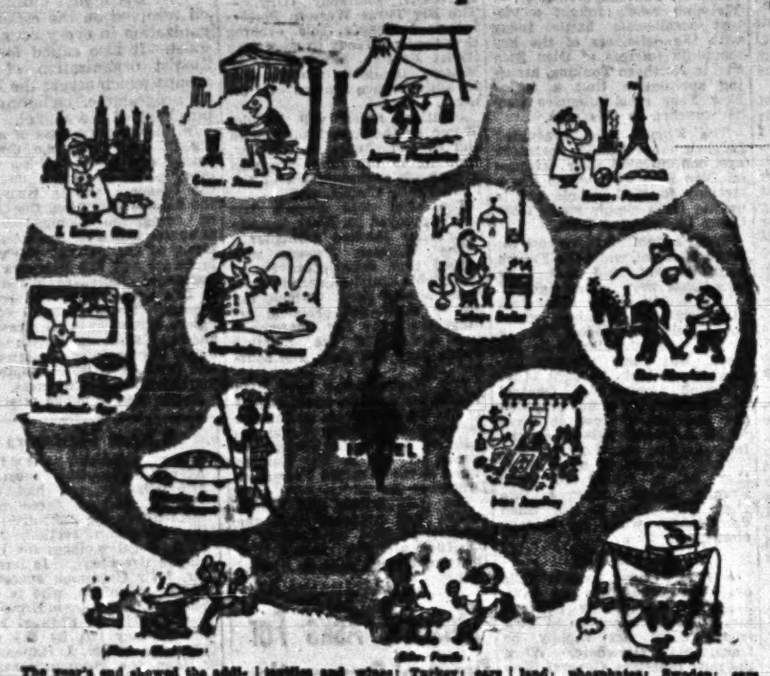
Grazing land will be leased from the Jewish National Fund in the Negev and the Huleh region. Full co-operation has been assured by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Investment Centre has accorded the Corporation the status of an approved enterprise, enabling the American investors to take their profits in foreign currency to the extent of 10% of the invested capital per year.

The President of the Corporation is Mr. Arthur S. Wolfe, California lawyer, and the Treasurer is Mr. Max A. Baumann, California cattle rancher. They plan to come to Israel soon to establish subsidiary companies.

The formation of the Corporation follows five years of investigation and planning in Israel and the U.S.

New Israel Markets Opened in 1933



The year's end showed the addition of a host of new customers for Israel products (illustrated above). In addition to these were Israel's steady customers — England: citrus and cigarettes; U.S.: textiles and wines; Turkey: cars and stoves; Uruguay: pencils; Brazil: watches; Finland: cars; E. Europe: citrus; Denmark: sweets; Colombia: pencils; Italy: plastics; Australia: cement; Ireland: phosphates; Sweden: cars and textiles; Cyprus: phosphates; E. Africa: utensils and drugs; Norway: citrus; Holland: textiles, and Belgium: fruits.

Press Review :

Political Support of Zionist Movements in West

Surveying the work of the Zionist General Council now in session in Jerusalem, "Davar" (Histadrut) stresses the importance of the political support by the Zionist movements in the English-speaking countries, South America and elsewhere. The paper notes that the leaders of the Zionist movement have warmly welcomed the renewal of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel, and hopes that Jews from the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies will eventually be among the immigrants to this country. The paper expresses grave concern at the news of the trials and long sentences imposed on Zionist leaders recently in some Iron Curtain countries.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) calls for the opening of the Technion in Haifa, noting that the institution's financial difficulties would not be solved even if the students agreed to pay higher fees. The paper doubts the wisdom of the Technion executive's "high-handed" policy and maintains that if the students' demands are not met, a highly undesirable selective system will result, with the parents' chequebook as the main criterion.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Herut" complain about the Histadrut-sponsored strike at the Jerusalem Municipality. "Haboker" regrets that the conclusions of the Government Commission earlier this year have not been heeded and holds that the Municipality will not be able to solve its financial difficulties without outside help.

"Herut" calls it a case of clear political sabotage by Mapai against the right wing parties constituting the Jerusalem Coalition, which, the paper asserts, is backed by the majority of citizens living in the Capital.

There were the usual differences of opinion between "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and the rest of the press about the success of Maki's demonstration on Wednesday in Tel Aviv. The Communist paper writes editorially about a "gigantic mass demonstration of 12,000 workers," while the rest report "several hundred participants" ("Davar," "Ha'aretz") or "600" ("Haboker"); "Al Hamishmar" adds that *ma'abarot* inhabitants were brought from places as far afield as Hadera and Migdal Ascalon.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) publishes the report of the Jewish Agency Controller and notes the improvements introduced in the Agency's work during the past year. The paper complains that the report is not specific enough in its criticism, and holds that in view of the large sums involved in the budget of the Agency and its various departments, ways and means of putting right the prevailing state of affairs should be proposed.

Both "Ha'aretz" and "Zmanim" comment on the abstention from work of the higher civil servants. "Ha'aretz" sharply criticises the Government's attitude *vis-à-vis* its executives and says that there is now a real danger to the smooth working of this country's administration as the result of the "ludicrous" egalitarianism which undermines morale and allegedly thrats all initiative. The paper says that many of the best people have been lost to the Civil Service as a result of this policy. The paper thinks that the interests of the State would be better served by fewer but more efficient (and more highly paid) employees.

"Zmanim", reporting the stormy session of the Senior Civil Servants' Association, also supports their demands.

Religious Services

Sabbath begins in Jerusalem at 4.19 p.m. today and ends at 5.45 p.m. tomorrow.

WEEKLY PORTION

Va'era (Sh'mot 6.2 to 9.35) Haftarah: Yehezkel 28.25 to 29.21.

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m. Minha, 12.45 p.m. & 3.30 p.m.; Arvit, 5.30 p.m.

Emet V'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Ahdut Israel Congregation Sephardic Orphan House, Jaffa Road. Tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. Youth Service with Congregational Singing by Cantor Dp. Shmuel Pension.

Italian Synagogue (Jellicoe St.): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8 a.m.

Mossad Harav Kook Synagogue (Hapoel Hamizrahi Qr.): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.; Arvit, 5 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Beth Israel (96 Disengoff Road): Tonight: 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit: 8.15 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (97 Ben Yehuda St.) Tonight: 4.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 & 9.30 a.m., Minha, 12.30 & 4.30 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (5 Straus St.): Tonight: 4.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.30 p.m.

Young Israel (67 Bograshov St.): Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hazahia Synagogue: Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m.: Minha, 4.30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TONIGHT

JERUSALEM: Ben Yehuda, 7 Ben Yehuda, 2811, Hat'hiya, Rehov Gorlia, 3432.

TEL AVIV: Abramski, 42 Allenby, 3826 Ben Yehuda, 143 Ben Yehuda, 25535, Hygea, 23 Hagdud Ha'ivri, 62366, Moscovici, 25 King George, 4236556, Hadassah, Hatikva Qr., 67284.

JAFFA: Brigg, 5 Rehov 3, 80282, Ramat Gan: Orion, 19 Arlosorof.

RAMAT YITSHAK: Hasharon, 19 Yerushalayim.

HAIFA: Mashiah, Irak, opp. Hadar cinema, 3082, Rapaport, 30 Herzl 3506.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Herzl, Rehov Jaffa, 3089, Elchron Moshe, near Edison cinema, 4191. TEL AVIV (8 a.m.-7 p.m.): Altman, 1 King George, 4791 Hagalil, 90 Ben Yehuda, 25355, Ahad Ha'am, 81 Ahad Ha'am, 3881, Bilu, 21 Bilu, 4083, Hygea, 23 Hagdud Ha'ivri, 62306, Maccabi, New Maccabi Qr., 67827, TEL AVIV (7-12 p.m.) Merape, 77 Allenby, 3497, Abva, 146 Dizengoff, 24717, Moltshadsky, 7 Ben Yehuda, 3570, Sucker, 97 Steinkin, 2053, Maccabi, New Maccabi Qr., 67357, JAFFA: Trufa, 105 Rehov 4, 80321, GIVATAYIM: Weksler, Rehov Medlin, HAIFA: Nimas, 29 Khouri, 4197, Hadar, 21 Prophets, 2044, Moriah, 45 Moriah 3808, KIRYAT-MOTZKIN: Pantagon

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25843, Dr. E. Levitan, 11 Hayarden, 68807, Dr. N. L. Sachar, 168 Dizengoff, 24288, JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Sat. at 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Red Mountain.
EDEN: Scaramouche, 2nd week. Also today at 2.30 p.m.
EDISON: Night Beauties.
GIL-ON: She's Back on Broadway. 2nd. week.
ORION: The Prowler.
ORNA: Last of the Comanches.
STUDIO: Le Rondo, 3rd week. Also today at 2 p.m.
ZION: The Greatest Show on Earth 3 & 9 p.m.

WANTED to buy or rent **3-ROOM FLAT** in Jerusalem, Rehavia or vicinity. Phone No. 61197, Jerusalem, 5-6 p.m.

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4 rooms, Merhavia, Beth Hakerem, Greek Colony
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WANTED Portuguese teacher, only first class. Reply: No.23840, P.O.B. 1128, Tel Aviv.
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LOST American passport No.69291 in the name of Rachel Bar-Giora. Finder is kindly requested to return same to: Kibbutz Sa'ad, Doar Na, Hanegev. Reward offered.

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DISKMAN'S 40 Jaffa Rd., Haifa. expert in watches and spectacles. Repairs, quick—reliable.

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3% 1950 (reg.)	109	—c)
3% 1955 (reg.)	1004	—
3% 1956 (reg.)	101	—
Pop. Loans		
1948/49 (IL. 10)	99	+½
1950/75 (IL. 10)	99	+½
3½% Tavel Dollar	1515x	—19c)
3½% Tavel Dollar	1303x	—16
3½% War Loan 54/79	80½	—
3½% Govt. Bonds large	90¼	—
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	711	+½
Ser. 2	726	+½
Ser. 3	72	+½
R. Loans Gvt. sh	390	—
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6% Debs. 50/70	99¾	+½
4½% Pref. sh.	103½	+½
Ord. sh. "P"	117½	+½
Gen. Mortg. 5%		
6% Debs. 42/62	77½	+½
6% Pref. sh.	76½	—
Bitsur		
4% Debs. 46/56	99½	—
4½% Debs. 52/66 reg.	76½	—c)
Mir Ltd.		
6% Debs. 38/59	88	—c)
6% Pref. sh.	72½	—c)
Pass. Debs. 4% 42/62	78½	—c)
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh.	162½	—
5% Debs.	89	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	121½	—½
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6% Pref. Ord. sh.	92½	—
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh	351	+5
"A" ord. sh.	1795	+5
Pal. Elec. Ord sh (Ser.)	365	—½
Meheroth Pref. sh.	76½	+½
Ata 6% "C" Pref.sh.	110	—
Ord. "B" sh.	1558	+5
6-9% Con. Debs.	101½	+5c)
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Notices to the Public

NEW POSTAL SERVICE RATES

The Postmaster General wishes to announce to the public that the following new rates for Posts, Telephone and Telegraph services will be effective from today, Friday, January 1, 1954 :—

1. Postal Services

Inland letters, till 30 gm.	60 pruta
Inland letters forms	60 "
Printed matter (incl. commercial papers)— every 50 gms.	25 "
Commercial samples (till 100 gms.)	25 "
Registered letters	100 "
Express letters	300 "
Advice of Delivery of letter	100 "
Inland Parcels	
till 1 kg.	145 "
" 5 "	240 "
" 5 "	340 "
" 10 "	455 "
" 15 "	630 "
" 20 "	705 "
" 25 "	900 "

It is pointed out that the maximum weight for inland parcels has been increased from 10 to 25 kgs.

Rates for the following services— among others—remains unchanged :
Inland Post Cards
Rental of Post Office Box
Commission rate on Postal Orders
Radio Licence
Literature for the blind.
Further particulars may be obtained at all Post Offices.

2. Telegraph Services

Ordinary telegrams : the first 10 words, or part thereof	480 pruta
every additional word	30 "
"Urgent" telegrams : the first 10 words, or part thereof	900 "
every additional word	60 "

Rates for the following remain unchanged :
Press telegrams
Telegrams to servicemen on active duty

Two new Telegraph Services will operate from January 1, 1954 :
a) Greeting telegrams with standard texts at 400 pruta.
b) LT telegrams with a minimum of 20 words at 480 pruta. For every additional 10 words, or part thereof, 150 pruta will be charged.

Particulars of the above new services may be obtained as from January 1, 1954, at all Post Offices.

3. Telephone Services

Local calls	30 pruta
Rental for internal extension	IL.36 per annum
Rental for external extension	IL.75 per annum
Internal Removal Fees	IL. 9.500
External Removal Fees	IL.45
Conversion of external extension to direct line	IL.54

New subscriptions will be granted 300 free calls in the first year following installation of the telephone.

Rates for the following services remain unchanged:
Public Telephone Booth calls
Installation of a new telephone
Installation of an internal extension
Installation of an external extension
Rental for direct line
Installation and rental for automatic exchanges
Rental for inter-urban lines
Rental for teleprinter.

No changes will occur in the rates for inter-urban calls, except in certain localities where automatic dialing exists.

Full particulars may be obtained at all Post Offices.

SOLAR and MAZUT SOLD BY LITRES

The Fuel Controller announces to consumers that, as from January 1, 1954, Solar Diesel and Mazut will be sold by volume measured i.e. by litres—similar to Benzine and Kerosene.

Prices will not change but will be calculated per litre.

From now on consumers will be able to check quantities of fuel as above, purchased by them, since all dispensers will read volume measures. (Volume dispensers have been used also in the past).

Consumers, up to the present, have been rendered accounts for weight measures calculated on the basis of volume content, but they have not been able to check the same in accordance with the quantities billed.

FUEL CONTROLLER

Where to go

TODAY

JERUSALEM
★ Archaeology: — Permanent Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 22 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. 9—1.
★ Exhibitions: — Opening memorial Exhibition of copper engravings by Joseph Hecht. From own collections: "Painting and Sculpture in Israel," "Old Masters." Bezalel National Museum. 9-1. Tomorrow: 10-1.
★ Tours: — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave. opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
★ Recorded Music: — Bach: Violin Concerto No. 2 with Endre Wolf and the Copenhagen Chamber Orchestra. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV
★ Exhibitions: — "Leonardo the Artist and Man of Science," photographs and reproductions. "Illustrated Manuscripts," Sketches by Leopold Krakauer, Municipal Museum. 10-1.

HAIFA
★ Exhibitions: — Paintings by: Monet, Pissaro, Matisse at the "Fifty Years of French Painting" exhibition, Municipal Museum of Modern Art in Town Hall 10-1, (tomorrow 10-1, 4-6).

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM
★ Exhibition: — Paintings by Ruth Arion and Tvi Gall, Artists' House. Opening: 11 a.m.
★ Recorded Music: — Schubert: Symphony No. 8 in C with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. YMCA Auditorium, 11 a.m.

TEL AVIV
★ Entertainment: — Concert at Nora Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.
★ Concert: — Pelleg (Harpsichord), Tzoglits (Flute), Thorner (Oboe) will play Bach, Locillet, Telemann, Handel. 8.30 p.m.

JAFFA
★ Theatre: — Do-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza", Operetta, Jaffaer Cinema. 6 & 9.30 p.m.

HERZLIA ON SEA
★ Entertainment: — Dine and Dance at the Sharon Hotel.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL **OPERA**
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 8.15 p.m.
Fledermaus
(The Bat)
Opera in 3 Acts by J. Strauss
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 8.15 p.m.
Rigoletto
Opera in 3 acts (4 scenes) by G. VERDI
Tickets: Bolin, 97 Allenby Rd. Tel Aviv, Tel. 3013 and at the Habimah box office.
Ramat Gan: Hakarsh 49 Rehov Bialik

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year
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Sunday & Monday (January 3, 4) new courses for beginners and advanced will commence during the morning and evening hours.
Special English classes for children, beginners & advanced from 3-4, 4-5 p.m. (except Friday).
Information and Registration: from 9 a.m.—12 noon, 4—6 p.m.

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	°A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	67	7	14	8
Tiberias	72	14	—	18
Haifa Port	71	14	18	15
Nazareth	61	10	21	20
Tel Aviv	76	17	21	19
Tel Aviv Port	80	19	22	18
Lydda Airport	76	18	24	20
Jerusalem	61	12	17	12
Beersheba	69	14	21	19
Eilat	75	14	24	20

FORECAST: Possible showers in morning. Gradual improvement later. Temperatures will be lower than yesterday.

OUTLOOK FOR SATURDAY: Possibility of showers.

°A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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BEGINNING TODAY, solar Diesel and heavy fuel oil will be sold by the litre. There will be no change in prices, the Fuel Controller announces.

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700 IMMIGRANTS arrived during December, according to tentative figures from the Jewish Agency Immigration Department.

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FOR ASSAULTING the local labour exchange secretary a month ago, two Jewish workers from Migdal Haemek were bound over in IL.50 each by the Nazareth Magistrate yesterday to be of good behaviour for a year.

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AN IRON CHEST containing IL1,000 in cash and IL1,650 in securities belonging to Mr. Yosef Weinberg, one-time Mukhtar of the old Beit Yisrael Quarter in Jerusalem, was stolen early yesterday morning from an electrical supply store on Jaffa Road in which Mr. Weinberg is a partner.

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A LAND MINE was found on Wednesday in a wood in the grounds of Kibbutz Hulda. It was fenced off until the arrival of police engineers, who demolished it.

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LIQUOR, intended for the U.S. Embassy, was stolen on the high seas from the stores of the s.s. Gefen, which is now anchored off Tel Aviv.

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THE HAMAT GAN Magen David Adom announces the early resumption of a first aid course for which registration has begun at the ADA station in Rehov Bialik.

AVIDAR NEW CHIEF OF G-BRANCH

Aluf Yosef Avidar has been appointed Chief of the Army's G-Branch, Aluf-Mishne Yitzhak Rabin is now Chief of Training, while Sgan-Aluf Yehoshofat Harkavi has become Acting Chief of Intelligence.

RATION NEWS

MEAT FOR CHRISTIANS: 1 can non-kosher meat, coupons Vav 15, Bayin 15. Monthly cards of all members of the family must be presented and a special form signed. Available at the following shops: JERUSALEM: Yehuda Amalia, King George Ave., Brist, Princess Mary; Yucha, Julian's Way. TEL AVIV: Nagib, 36 Rehov 66, Jaffa. HAIFA and SAMARIA: Alon, 3 Derech Havam, Mt. Carmel; Khouri, Wadi Nisnas; Salmi, Wadi Nisnas. ELSEWHERE: at distribution centres for Christians.

Fail in Attempt To End J'lem Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An attempt by the Jerusalem District Representative to end the Municipal employees' strike, now in its second week, was unsuccessful yesterday.

The strike committee and Mayor Karly met for over two hours in Dr. Biran's office yesterday. The Mayor insisted that he could not promise to pay salaries and wages on a given date, but only in accordance with the collection of rates.

The strike committee claimed that all previous promises to pay salaries on time had been broken.

They demanded guarantees that henceforth all salaries, including those of temporary employees, be paid not later than the middle of the following month.

The committee suggested that the Government should undertake to grant the Municipality sufficient funds to end the strike. Dr. Biran was extremely sceptical about this suggestion, but promised to submit it to the Government.

A dozen labourers who had been hired by the Jerusalem Municipality squatted outside the city offices yesterday, demanding work and wages reportedly due since October.

Needs IL.2 Weekly To Prevent Starving

"I regret what I did, but if I don't get IL.2 a week I'll die of starvation," David Tanji, 21, of the Hartuv ma'abara said in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court yesterday. He is charged with having threatened to kill a social worker and with having broken two window panes in the ma'abara social welfare office.

Tanji admitted the charges but pleaded in his defence that after he came here from Morocco two years ago he was forced to sell his clothes in order to keep alive. He added that his health is poor, and that after working for one day at crushing rocks, he was dismissed and since then has been without work.

The Magistrate, Mr. M. Even Tov, released him in IL.20 bond to be of good behaviour.

Police Sergeant Y. Elhanan prosecuted. *(Itim)*

Disabled Partisans Threaten Action

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM).—A spokesman for the World War II Disabled Veterans of Partisans Fighting in Eastern Europe told the Press here today that "with reluctance" they would stage further sit-down strikes near the Knesset building in Jerusalem, as they had done this week, if settlement of their demands was prolonged.

The Organization requests the passage of a law that would put them on a basis similar to that of War of Liberation disabled veterans.

Mr. Moshe Rashkes, representing the War of Liberation Disabled Veterans' Organization, said that it backed the Partisans' demands.

Jerusalemite Wins Birmingham Fellowship

Mr. Avraham Berman, of Jerusalem, former Hebrew University student and holder of their Master of Science degree, received the Ph. D. degree at Birmingham University (England) early in December, as well as a year's Fellowship.

Mr. Berman, who did research under Dr. A. Katchalsky at the Weizmann Institute in physical chemistry, is specializing in metallurgy.

16,000 More In State Schools

The number of pupils in State schools and State religious schools totals 300,000 and the number of pupils in the Agudat Yisrael schools is about 14,000, the Minister of Education reported to the plenary session of the Education Committee yesterday.

The number of pupils in State schools has increased by 16,000 as compared with last year, with 37 as the average size of a class. The educational budget estimate for the current year is IL.31,000,000 as compared with IL.28,000,000 last year.

The Minister stressed that the Ministry of Education and Culture strives to achieve equality of status between all educational institutes under its authority and to eradicate all traces of the trend system.

To Occupy American Chair at University

TEL AVIV, Thursday (USIS).—Dr. George E. Mowry, Professor of History at the University of California (Los Angeles), arrived yesterday to take up his duties as Visiting Professor of American History and Civilization at the Hebrew University. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mowry.

Dr. Mowry will occupy the Chair of American Studies, maintained by a grant from the U.S. Department of State in cooperation with the Rockefeller Foundation. Previous incumbents have included Dr. Allan Nevins, of Columbia University, and Dr. E. Merton Coulter, of the University of Georgia.

It is planned that Dr. Mowry will offer courses in modern American history and in American contemporary society, with the possibility of an additional special seminar in American historical studies.

Collect Material For Dictionary

The Hebrew Language Academy will begin immediately the collection of material for its definitive dictionary of the Hebrew Language, the Academy decided at its third session held on Wednesday.

In the first phase of the venture, the material will deal with Biblical, post-Biblical *(Hazal)* and modern Hebrew. At a later stage, other branches of Hebrew, such as medieval prose and poetry, will be tackled.

Locusts Land In Wadi Raman

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — A large swarm of reddish locusts settled near the Wadi Raman in the southern Negev today, covering some five kilometres of the road. Its width could not be ascertained.

Haifa Shops to Exhibit Israel Products

HAIFA, Thursday. — The General Merchants' Association here is arranging an exhibition of Israel-made products, to be held in show windows of shops on the main streets in Hadar Hacarmel, it was learned here. The exhibition will be opened on March 1, and will continue for a fortnight.

During that period customers will receive lottery tickets, and prizes will be distributed to winners. Competitions for the best displays and best quality products also will be held.

Sarona Plots Given To Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM).—An injunction transferring to the Municipality plots of land in Sarona now in the hands of 10 persons was issued by the District Court here today. The Municipality based its case on the Mandatory Palestine Gazette which put the land at the Municipality's disposal.

P.E.C. Pays Damages

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM).—The Palestine Electric Corporation was ordered to pay IL.4,450 in damages to the owners of a plot here, part of which was expropriated for the construction of a transformer.

The plaintiff, Eyal, Ltd., sued the P.E.C. after they had failed to reach a private settlement. The damages awarded amount to 15% of the total value of the plot.

Suicide's Body Washed Ashore

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM). —The body of Moshe Finesilver, 25, was washed up on the seashore near Jaffa Port today.

A letter, found in a nylon bag on the body, contained instructions for the disposal of Finesilver's property and stated that he was sorry he had to commit suicide.

Sabotage Feared

PORTLAND, South England, Thursday (Reuter). — British Naval Intelligence officers were called aboard the 28,000-ton aircraft carrier Indefatigable today to investigate suspected malicious damage, the second such case involving a royal Navy ship this week.

An electric cable was damaged slightly and later an oil leak was discovered aboard the carrier which, a veteran of World War two, is now used as a training ship.

Earlier this week, a stoker mechanic was detained aboard the light carrier Warrior at Davenport, further along the south coast, after gauges in the engine room were found damaged.

ISRAEL PHOTOGRAPHS

NEW YORK, Thursday (INA).—An exhibition of Israel photographs taken by Mr. A.L. Goldman, a young German-born photographer who went to Israel from a Nazi concentration camp, is opening here on Tuesday under the auspices of the New School for Social Research.

CORRECTION

Dr. R. Weyl is not the attorney of Rabbi Amram Blau, as ITIM reported in this paper yesterday, but represents two of the other accused who are being tried together with Rabbi Blau.

The Queen Feasts in Tonga

The Queen pauses, pensive, while the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Salote laugh together at the greatest feast ever held in the South Seas. For each diner at the foot-high table of honour there is a whole roast suckling pig — one for the Queen, one for Queen Salote of Tonga, one for the Duke of Edinburgh. It rests on a mat-covered platform, overlooking thousands of Tongans. The Queen sits on a large cushion and behind her Tongan girls wait to serve new courses of crayfish, yams, and water melons. Express Photo

$40m. Bonds Sold In U.S. Last Year

Israel has received $38,475,549 from the Bond Drive during 1953, the Israel office of the Drive announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

In addition, approximately $2m. has been deposited by the Bond organization in the U.S. and has not yet been received by the Treasury.

Bond dollars received by the Treasury in 1952 totalled $47,182,380, while the 1951 figure was $48,732,850.

Detention Camps Empty, Jordan Minister Says

All Jordan political detainees have been released by now, and the desert detention camps are empty, Jordan Minister of Interior Husni e-Majali has told "Falastin," the Old City daily.

The detainees, mainly Palestine Arab opposition elements, went on hunger strikes twice in recent months in protest against the Government's failure to release them. Some of them were detained without trial for more than two years, since the assassination of King Abdullah in the Old City in July, 1951.

Infiltrator Caught With 3-Year-Old Son

BEERSHEBA, Thursday.—Two infiltrators, one, a man with a three-year-old boy and the other a boy aged 16, were caught by police yesterday in the Western Negev. The man said that he was on his way to Jordan with his young son.

Police searched last night and today for the group of marauders who clashed on Monday night with a patrol near Kibbutz Urim. They found traces of 12 men and 13 donkeys and caught five of the donkeys, but the marauders escaped across the border.

Tourist Detained On Dollar Charge

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Shalom Haskind, a 36-year-old American tourist, was detained here today on suspicion of being an accomplice of the four Rabbis who were charged recently with operating an extensive dollar-smuggling organization.

Rabbis N. Eichenstein and E. Karassik were released today in IL.3,000 bond each.

Cyprus Mist Forces Back El Al Plane

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday (ITIM). — The El Al plane which left here for Nicosia this morning on its way to Istanbul was forced to return because of the thick mist which blanketed the whole of Cyprus.

After refueling here, the plane, with its 34 passengers, took off again, this time for Athens and thence to Istanbul.

Excellent Results From Premium Pay

By a Special Correspondent

Premium wages introduced in the engineering departments of the Haifa Municipality have achieved excellent results, it is reported.

Norms for earth-moving work, pipe-laying and concrete construction have been fixed at a level higher by 30% to 100% than the actual output per worker in 1950-1. Performances, however, are in excess of these norms by 16% to 44%, since workers are eager to increase output in order to benefit from the wage premiums.

On the average, a premium of IL.1.530 per day is received by the workers. Altogether, IL.6,706 have been payed in premiums, making 5.2% of the departments' budgets. Nevertheless, a saving of 5.4% of the original estimates has accrued to the departments.

SPERRMARK TRANSFERS

According to information received from Munich by the Feuchtwanger Bank, holders of "Originaere Sperrmark" accounts in Germany which at the end of December were not in excess of DM.10,000, upon application will be able to transfer those balances in one sum as from today, without having to prove hardship.

Name Top 2 Film Stars of Year

NEW YORK (AP). — Audrey Hepburn, of Britain, and Jose Ferrer have been named top film stars of the year in an annual poll of the critics by the trade publication "Film Daily."

Miss Hepburn also was designated top "find" of the year on the basis of her performance in "Roman Holiday." Mr. Ferrer was cited for his acting in "Moulin Rouge," in which he played the role of the crippled artist, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec.

ACTING CONTROLLER OF EXCHANGE APPOINTED

The Minister of Finance has appointed Mr. R. Molcho as Acting-Controller of Foreign Exchange following the resignation of Dr. A. Konikoff, Controller of Foreign Exchange. The appointment is effective from today.

Young Australians Keep Davis Cup

MELBOURNE, (UP). — Australia retained the Davis Cup today as Ken Rosewall redeemed himself with a brilliant 6-2 2-6, 6-3, 9-4 victory over America's Vic Seixas — and it now appeared that it would be a long time before the U.S. ever could match Australia's youngsters.

For the first time in history, two "teenagers were responsible for bringing the coveted trophy to their country—two youngsters not yet at the peak of their game. Lewis Hoad is the other Australian star.

The Lama and the Limousine

CALCUTTA, Thursday (UP). — The Panchen Lama of Chinese Tibet today bought a limousine — the first ever owned by a Lama.

The car will be dismantled and carried by porters across the Nathula Pass to Lhasa, where it will be reassembled and driven to Shigatse — seat of the Panchen.

Half Man, Half Ape 'Seen' in Malaya

KUALALUMPUR, Thursday (Reuter).—Hairy creatures with fangs, which appear to be half human and half ape, have emerged from the dense jungle in northern Malaya and have frightened villagers, Radio Malaya reported tonight.

The creatures were said to be tall, powerfully built, and covered with unkempt hair which hung down from their heads to their waists.

All had long, dog-like fangs which protruded even when their mouths were closed. Both males and females had moustaches and an animal smell.

Descriptions by the witnesses tallied perfectly, except for the clothes, which some described as skins and others as loin cloths.

How Israel Voted At U.N. on Big Issues

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel voted affirmatively four times, abstained twice and voted negatively once on seven of the most important issues that faced the U.N. last year, apart from those issues in which Israel was directly involved.

The record follows:

Germ Warfare

Israel supported the American proposal in the Political Committee that a five-nation commission be named to investigate Communist charges that American troops were waging germ warfare. (April).

Chinese Troops in Burma

Israel backed Mexico's proposal to disarm Chinese nationalist troops in Burma and denounced the presence of Chinese forces there as "camouflaged aggression." (April).

Korea Peace Talks

Israel abstained in the Political Committee on India's participation in the Korean talks "in deference to South Korea's wishes." (August).

Seating Communist China

Israel abstained on the American proposal to postpone consideration of the Russian request to seat Communist China as well as on Mr. Vyshinsky's proposal to seat Communist China.

Morocco

Israel opposed the Arab-Asian Bloc resolution favouring the Moroccan nationalists. (October).

Puerto Rico

Israel supported the American stand that they should stop furnishing information to the U.N. on the administration of Puerto Rico on the ground that Puerto Rico is self-governing. (November).

Forced Labour

Israel supported the resolution in favour of abolishing forced labour. (December).

Racialism in South Africa

Israel supported the continuation of the U.N. commission dealing with the international repercussions of Apartheid and repudiated policies based on racial grounds. (December)

DIES ON WAY HOME FROM A WEDDING

HAIFA, Thursday. — When a group which had attended a wedding returned home in a tender last night, Haya Leiser, 78, fell and received fatal head injuries, as she alighted from the vehicle. She died later in Rambam Hospital.

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Cables in Brief

COMET. — A comet, already visible through field glasses, will pass about 100 million kilometres away between the earth and the sun on January 22 it is reported from Hamburg. Its passage may result in a particularly strong shower of meteors. The comet, named "1953 H," was discovered on December 7 by a Czechoslovak astronomer Miss. Paiduskova.

MORRISON. — The death is reported from London of Lord Morrison, a member of the 1945 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. He was formerly Labour M.P. for Tottenham North.

TEMPLER. — General Sir Gerald Templer, High Commissioner for Malaya, has been named chief of the British Army of the Rhine, succeeding General Richard Gale. Sir Gerald will be succeeded in Malaya by his deputy, Donald MacGillivray.

AMERICANS. — The U.S. Census Bureau estimated yesterday that the U.S. population, including armed forces overseas, will be about 161,200,000 when the New Year begins at midnight.

DESTROYERS. — The U.S. Navy reported today that one man was killed and another slightly injured when two American destroyers collided on December 20 during night training exercises off Japan. Both ships, the Ault and the Haynesworth, were damaged but were able to proceed under their own power to Yokosuka, Japan, for repairs.

SARAH SIEFF

Mrs. Sarah Sieff who died in London earlier in the week, was the mother of Lady Marks, Mrs. Istorik, Mr. Israel Sieff and Mr. Edward Sieff.

DIE BRÜCKE הגשר

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 8.30 p.m.
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BUSINESS practices are not precisely an attractive subject for reflection on a New Year's Day, be it Tishri or January. However, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and since this is the only abundance the average citizen of Israel can boast of, it is only too natural that a mind so concerned with day-to-day realities should eschew lofty meditations. This impulse is fortified by the Knesset debate on cartels, a peculiar kind of *étrennes* as our French friends call their new year gifts; incidentally, this name recalls the tribute exacted on that day from their citizens by Roman emperors, a reminiscence not without significance for our more sophisticated age and a social system in which the time-honoured slogan "*enrichissez-vous!*" — "get rich!" — has retained much of its sinister appeal.

MORALS AND MONEY

Whatever one may think of the policy of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, even his most vehement opponents will have to admit that his indictment of nefarious trade practices in the form of cartels and monopolies was a courageous and constructive contribution to the discussion of the country's many economic worries. It may seem grotesque, as a Mapam Member said, that a protagonist of private enterprise should have set the ball rolling, but it is a good rule of parliamentary tradition never to suspect motives. At all events it was a timely action on the part of Mr. Bernstein, and the best proof of this may be found in the fact that few debates in the young history of the Knesset have been as serious and of as high a standard.

The sub-committee of the Economic Minister's Committee which is to begin its consultations today, has the advantage of dealing with a problem which, like few others in the economic sphere, has been the object of thorough study by economists and lawyers for more than half a century. The contribution of the United States is particularly instructive, for the legislation and concomitant jurisdiction, from the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890 to the Clayton Act of 1914 — the so-called "Magna Carta of Labour" — and its partial reversal in the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, represent so many milestones in a changing approach to the questions at issue.

For a variety of reasons it is more than doubtful whether a completely competitive market is at all possible, and it is generally accepted today that the best one can hope for is a system of imperfect competition. Large concerns or monopolies are not sinful in themselves, and a tobacco *regie*, for instance, can have great advantages, as well as a State monopoly of postal and other services. Nor can it be denied that combines such as Tnuva or Hamashbir have played a decisive part in the pioneering period of our national economy. While it would be a grave mistake, therefore, to cast away the good with the bad, the time has certainly come for a thorough revision of the various factors determining the cost and price of essential supplies such as agricultural production, water, electricity, building materials, and transport.

A survey of this kind can promise positive results only if it is completely independent of vested interests, and if it is less concerned with principles than with the examination of each individual branch. In this direction, a study of recent reports of the Monopolies and Restricted Practices Commission in the United Kingdom will be most instructive. It has been found there, for example, that collaboration between manufacturers of insulin has considerable advantages, whereas in the case of the production and supply of matches present arrangements are operating against the national interest.

Conducted on such lines, the impending investigation will no doubt be wholeheartedly supported by all honest enterprises in both the cooperative and private sectors. It would be futile, at this stage of Israel's development, to ignore the impact of the profit motive, but it would be equally unfair to the consumer — and the whole people are consumers — to let greediness prevail over reasonable profit.

With all due respect to economic laws, let us never forget that the emergence of the State of Israel must have meant more than just a business proposition.

PICTURES OF 1953

Wife Ibn Saud

Former Sultan

Hussein

Eisenhower takes oath.

Hail of fire in Jerusalem.

Israel sailors aid Greek 'quake victims

Hunt, Hillary and Tensing give victory smiles

Elizabeth II enthroned.

Dulles presents Nagib with pistol

Tito on Trieste border.

First Israel oil-drilling rig arrives

The picture of the year: Stalin lies in state.

JAN. Eisenhower takes oath

FEB. Nagib dissolves Egypt's parties, proclaims 'Liberation Front'
Floods in Holland, England
Russia cuts diplomatic relations with Israel.

MARCH Stalin dies
Malenkov, Molotov, Beria form triumvirate
Ben Gurion opens N'dam road

APRIL Serious border tensions in Jerusalem

MAY Dulles and Stassen tour Middle East
Faisal II and Hussein II crowned

JUNE Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
Civil riots in East Berlin
Gen. Bennike arrives in Israel
Israel gets Jet fighters

JULY Mount Everest conquered
Beria jailed
Violence in Kenya begins
Armistice in Korea
Foreign Ministry moves to Jerusalem

AUGUST "Food parcel war" in Berlin
Shah flees and returns
Greek earthquake
International Congress "History of Science", Jerusalem

SEPT. Sultan of Morocco deposed
Chief Rabbi Uziel dies
Conquest of the Desert Exhibition in Jerusalem

OCT. Infiltrators murder at Yahud. Attacks on settlements
Kibya village raided
Bennike orders Jordan project halted
Bennike meets Sharett
Eric Johnston tours M. East
Riots in Trieste
Jerusalem Economic Conference
Yad Weizmann inaugurated
Moshe Smilansky dies
Death of Justice Rabbi Assaf

NOV. Bermuda Conference of Big 3
F.O.W.'s "explanations" conclude
Death of Ibn Saud
Diplomatic relations with Russia renewed
Dr. Senator dies

DEC. Coty elected French President
Beria executed
Mr. Ben Gurion resigns, Sharett Acting Premier
Oil drilling begun in Negev
Israel soldiers murdered
Pilgrims cross lines for Christmas.
Zionist General Council meets in Jerusalem.

THE GREAT RIDDLE

By a Boston Correspondent

LONDON. — 1953 was the year of the great riddle—would the death of Joseph Stalin bring peace nearer to a nerve-racked world? Posterity reading its history primers will know the answer. But to the statesmen, the politicians and the people who lived through it, 1953 was a time for cautious probing. Hope of an end to suspicion and fear was stronger than at any time since the end of the war, but statesmen still hesitated.

In March, 73-year-old Stalin died of a stroke: for 29 years his incalculable mind had ruled the millions in Russia and dominated world Communism. By the very nature of events and not by any spectacular personal word or deed, his successor Georgi Malenkov assumed the mantle of 1953's Man of the Year. Stalin had been inscrutable, Malenkov is proving quite as hard to fathom — probably more so because as a personality he was unknown to the diplomats of the West.

Strong echoes and portents of secret sessions in the Kremlin seeped out from the beginning of the year, indicating that a bitter struggle for power was being carried on. In January came the arrest of nine distinguished Russian medical men, accused of plotting the deaths of Soviet leaders. Stalin died. Malenkov, Lavrenti

Beria

Malenkov

Beria and Vyacheslav Molotov, in that order, became the rulers of Russia.

But the triumvirate was shortlived. In April the nine doctors (mostly Jews) and six others not previously mentioned, were formally exonerated and freed. July saw the downfall of Beria who for years had headed the secret police. He was branded as 'an enemy of the party and the Soviet people'. In December it was announced that he had been tried and executed.

Faced with these events in Moscow, leaders and diplomats of the West found it difficult to take their bearings. Straws appearing in the wind gave hope that the new rulers of Russia, rid of Stalin, were willing to end the cold war. But before they could be grasped new cold blasts wafted them away.

Malenkov said that there are 'no controversial issues that could not be solved by peaceful means'. At the United Nations, his representative, Mr. Vyshinsky, declared, If we dig the tunnel of friendship from both ends we are likely to meet earlier half way."

One man clutched at the straws more boldly than the rest — Sir Winston Churchill. In the year that he reached his 79th birthday, accepted a knighthood from his Queen and gained the Nobel Award for Literature, the aged statesman sought his 'last prize' — peace. In May he called for a conference between leading Powers on the highest level to settle world problems.

Russia was enigmatic about the chances of Malenkov joining such a meeting but Sir Winston went ahead to plan talks at Bermuda between himself, the French Prime Minister and Dwight Eisenhower, who at the beginning of the year was ceremoniously sworn in as 34th President of the U.S.

As the year drew to its close, the world waited for the meeting to take place early in 1954 in Berlin. It could be a vital event, a harbinger of peace on earth for years to come. It could be another failure, leaving the world to its former doubts and fears.

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SIGN OF SICKNESS

By ATRICK O'DONOVAN

PANMUNJOM (OPINE). — IT is customary at this time of year for broadcasters and journalists publicly to display a little optimism and a great deal of good will. At the risk of distorting the picture of a situation that is already twisted enough, almost all the things that I shall remember of this year were terrible.

The fragments of the picture are not easy to forget. There was that single file of United States Marines struggling upwards to take the crown of a minor hill. I watched them all one morning staring safely through a concrete embrasure with a cup of coffee in my hand. They moved very slowly in a majestic uproar of explosions. They often lay pressed against the ground. The dirt leapt upwards and around them like great waves against a sea greyness. They went up and lay for a little while close to the dreadful summit. They came down and tried once more and then withdrew, slowly, as if they were struggling through a storm. And the whole shape of the hill had been changed and the file was smaller when it got back.

And then, perhaps illogically, the Turkish soldier seemed to matter. He was a small anonymous man whose padded coat trailed on the ground. On the first day of the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners he threw himself out of an ambulance and into the arms of an American major, embraced him as if he had come to a brother he had despaired of ever seeing again, held him and wept. He refused to let go, though General Mark Clark was plucking at his elbow to welcome him. No one smiled and it was not embarrassing.

The P.O.W.'s

Later there were three American soldiers, just back from prison camp, sitting in a row looking shaken and subdued, their hair still powdered with insecticide. They were talking to a crowd of journalists, and one of them asked the sergeant if he personally knew of anyone who had "betrayed his buddies." The sergeant said, "Do you really want to know?" and the reporter said, "Yes." The sergeant said, "There's one sitting right next to me," and the wretched boy went white and scrambled off the bench and hurried through the silence out of the tent.

THERE were the children. It was at the beginning of this year. The place was Seoul, and the icy wind was like a continuing physical pain. The building had been a Japanese temple and was little more than a shell. It housed some of the hungry and frequently delinquent little orphans who ran wild through the broken city. The director led the way upstairs and pulled back a sliding screen to show a room that must have been as dark as any cupboard when the screen was closed.

At first the place seemed empty. Then you saw that five small boys had "swarmed" in a corner. They were standing clustered against one another facing the wall. They did not look round. They wore thin, trailing rags. They were unimaginably dirty and their black hair was pale with dirt. They stood there shaking, pressed against a lukewarm radiator. Two of them were weeping without making any noise. Heaven knows how long during the day they stood there, and when I brought out some chocolate they fought one another to get the largest share.

It was the most terrible place for children I have ever seen. In the corridors, wherever a pipe ran from ceiling to floor, there would be a frightened, silent, incurious child just standing. In another room they sat in rows on the floor, huddled in blankets, and they refused to uncover their faces. The kitchen was a stone basement lit by candle light, and there was ice on the floor. In another room 12 boys were filling match-boxes by hand. The place stank nauseously of drains and boiled barley.

Despite a guard of bigger, better-dressed boys, a high proportion of the boys ran away back to their ruins until the police rounded them up again. The director was unpaid and you could not blame him because he sometimes sold things that soldiers gave for the children.

When I revisited the place a few days ago, the director had gone and the place was run by a relief organization. Windows were mended and rice replaced the barley. The guards at the gate had gone and the children no longer ran away. When we walked into their yard, someone blew a bugle out of a window and all the children came running out laughing, dressed approximately as Boy Scouts, to salute the flags of South Korea and America. They do it several times a day for visitors.

Hatred Behind Lines

AND then there was the hatred. Curiously, this was never so apparent during the fighting. You had to go to the wide valley behind the Chinese lines to see it naked. Here at Panmunjom for 14 months almost ritually, was celebrated that new and very articulate hatred that a large part of the East now feels for the West. It was certainly disturbing. The Communist delegates would sweep past in armoured cars. Their journalists would wait with us on the same road and, with the exception of the two English-speaking ones who had their mission to perform, they would speak to no one. Each man stood alone, took no notes, almost as if wrapped in some private sorrow. The conference concerned peace, but there was no trace of the behaviour that visitors to youth festivals report.

I can think of no parallel to Panmunjom in history — so long drawn out, so rigid, so insincere. They had all come here, not with any real desire for a settlement, but because each of the two sides could no longer hurt its enemy without still more hurting itself. There was no longer any prospect of profit in actual fighting. So they carried on the conflict in words and propaganda, and they arranged this demonstration of hatred, at which the Communists proved more whole-hearted and adept than ourselves.

Nothing of supreme importance was decided here. The delegates merely registered and administered the calculated moves that had been made elsewhere. But if anyone still believes that things are not terribly changed in this part of the world, a few visits to this village that no longer exists would be enough to convince him.

Of course, one could certainly find something more appropriate to the season in the quiet beauty of Japan, in the activities of soldiers at Christmas time, or in the shining good intentions of the Indians who came to help. But these things happened in Korea, and Korea was the outward and visible sign of the world's deep sickness. And to write of anything else from this part of the world would seem a little insincere and silly.

The outstanding personality at Panmunjom was India's General Thimayya, who heads the neutral force there and was in charge of P.o.W. repatriation and the "explanation" talks.

YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK.— WHAT kind of a year was 1953? I've been agitating over this question for the last few days as I sat in the Security Council chamber watching the manoeuvres of the Powers who are trying to sell Israel down the (Jordan) river. I have tried to put a label on it in animal form, as the Japanese do. Was it the year of the tiger—that might be Eisenhower—or was it the year of the skunk that might be a certain Senator's claim that he is engaged in the "greatest skunk-hunt in history," forgetting that those who hunt the malodourous animal often absorb the smell?

I was unable to come up with a definitive answer and this was the real answer: 1953 was the year of uncertainty.

The year began with the inauguration of the first Republican President in two decades. The American people and the entire world wondered what effect it would have on their lives. As the year ends, some may have an inkling—or think they have—to the answer. But they are still uncertain.

The businessman was uncertain last January whether overall prosperity would continue

throughout the year. The Republicans seemed to be instituting a deflationary hard money policy. If they were, they soon gave it up. Industrial production and sales remained at record high levels. But at the year's end there were many indications of a slackening off in 1954. How far it will go, no one can foretell.

With the industrialist uncertain about the future, labour leaders are preparing for any eventuality. The AFL and CIO spent the year consolidating their positions for the coming struggle. The two labour organizations are closer in their outlook and philosophy than ever before, and a union is not at all improbable, though serious personal and organizational problems would have to be solved first. Whether or not they unite, their first order of business in the coming year is the demand for a guaranteed annual wage, which will take some of the uncertainty out of the life of the hourly-rate factory worker.

One major segment of the population has not been at all uncertain about how the Republican administration has affected their lives. The farmers have been getting it in the neck all year. Farm prices have been declining steadily while the Republican farm experts wring their hands and do little else. Not only are the farmers angry

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

with the Republicans, and they showed how they felt at several by-elections won by Democrats in the fall, but the farmers are a grave disappointment to the Republican theorists. The picture painted by the Republicans of the farmer as a rugged individualist resentful of the New Deal mollycoddling and "government interference" in his affairs, which has been the lot of the farmer for 20 years of Democratic rule, has evaporated as section after section of the nation's farmers voted to reinstate government control of their crop acreage and continue federal support of farm prices. What the Republicans in Congress will do next year towards evolving a less costly farm policy, which will still satisfy the horny-handed farmers who have been the backbone of the Republican voters, is still uncertain.

Consumer Prices

While farm prices have declined, the cost to the consumer has not. Marketing costs and all other elements in the cost of living have risen slightly during the year. The farmer gets only 13% of the price of a loaf of bread. His share in the sales of other farm products vary up to two-thirds of the cost of beef. As long as the city-folk are prosperous, we can complain of high prices. Our economy is so rich that consumers' spending and savings have increased simultaneously during the year to record levels.

What has Congress done during the year? Very little. The various investigating committees made continual headlines dredging up warmed-over spy plots of 10 to 20 years ago, for which no one will ever be indicted, even if there were proof, which has never been conclusively shown. Without strong leadership from the White House, no legislative programme can be pushed through Congress and there was no such leadership. On several important planks in the Republican platform Eisenhower appointed commissions instead of acting according to campaign promises. These commissions now have reported, and the President has been holding conferences with Republican leaders during the past week in preparation for introducing legislation to the coming session. But according to authoritative reports, there will be no changes suggested to the vicious McCarran Act, one of Eisenhower's important campaign promises.

On foreign policy, the Republicans did little more than clumsily attempt to follow past Democratic policy, without the skill and diplomacy of the Dean Acheson, while they loudly proclaimed a bold, new policy which never materialized. (Sometimes I think that the only diplomat left in this country is Dr. Nahum Goldmann).

The cornerstone of American foreign policy for the last few years has been the rearmament of Germany. Mr. Dulles has faithfully travelled this road, with side excursions to the realm of fantasy-liberating the Soviet satellites, which scared our Western European allies more than the satellites.

Foreign aid, under the Republicans, has turned into military aid, which is the way it was heading during Mr. Truman's last years. If most of the Republican Congressmen followed their natural inclinations, they would cut foreign aid to the bone. This feeling was made concrete last year in the Richards Amendment to the Mutual Security Act which would eliminate aid to countries that fail to ratify the EDC. This is a domestic problem for the Eisenhower Administration and it is foolish and dangerous for Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eisenhower to use the Richards Amendment in an attempt to coerce the French.

Aid Cuts

Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, reported this week that industrial production in western Europe averaged 6% higher in 1953 than every preceding year and that gold and dollar reserves increased sharply. This may have been a preliminary to the rest of his statement which dealt with his proposed decrease in foreign aid for next year, about a third less than this year. He does not suggest a decrease, however, for Asia, which presumably includes Israel, nor for technical assistance. He broke down his recommendations by category to 60% for military aid, 18% for economic aid, 13% for United Nations, and 9% for technical help.

Two uncertainties at the beginning of 1953 were resolved by midyear. The Korean War ended in July, and though a peace conference may never be held, it is extremely unlikely that fighting will be resumed. That was a happy day for the tens of thousands of mothers, fathers and sweethearts of the soldiers in Korea.

On a Friday evening in June, just before the Sabbath sunset, the Rosenbergs, husband and wife, were executed for atomic espionage. Though guilt seemed proven, many believed the sentence unduly harsh and unrelated to the actual crime. Friends of the Rosenbergs and of Morton Sobell, co-conspirator, sentenced to 30 years, are still digging up evidence, however, which, if it is claimed, casts doubt on the Rosenbergs' guilt. A brief was filed with the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 4 charging that the Attorney General's office "knowingly used and encouraged perjured testimony and by withholding information, by deception and by outright falsehoods, it misled two Presidents who had before them appeals for clemency."

Thousands Fired

Another uncertainty at the beginning of the year has been somewhat resolved. Tens of thousands of government employees wondered whether they would keep their jobs under the new administration. Thousands of them have been fired — or RIFed, as it is called in Washington.

I have yet to mention Senator Joe McCarthy. That may seem surprising, when reviewing 1953, but the reason is evident. Though Sen. McCarthy makes headlines almost daily (without the press playing him up, he would be nothing)—he is not a power in American government. He is a nuisance, and therefore sometimes gets his way, but that is not the same thing as being a power.

Sen. McCarthy has the national support of a motley crew of rich Texas oilmen, right-wing anti-Semites (he is careful to steer clear of anti-Semitic associates since he was caught in the middle of the Anna Rosenberg fiasco) and the lunatic fringe who consider anyone to the left of Mr. Herbert Hoover a subversive. But altogether this is minority support nationally and in Wisconsin, where he must stand for re-election in 1958, he may have trouble getting another majority. He trailed Mr. Eisenhower badly in 1952. Last summer, while I was visiting Wisconsin, Sen. McCarthy addressed a meeting of veterans in a hall holding 10,000. Only 500 showed up.

Another subject, is the fear of atomic annihilation. At the back of everyone's mind, it is there — be it ever so small; but meanwhile life pursues its normal course. As the year ends, the Soviets have accepted the American invitation for atomic talks. While we hope, not too optimistically, for the success of these talks, we do not worry about them, for as Barbara Ward, formerly of the "Economist," wrote recently:

"This has been a year in which the apparently irresistible power of modern governments has had to give way before the deadness and reactions of the distant units of government — individuals keen and active, clutching against the whole grain of union and authority, the small and ordinary things of daily life which make life worth living."

Britain's Changing Status

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

LONDON.— 1953 ENDS for Britain in an atmosphere of real and metaphorical sunshine, characterized by an unusually long summer and mild autumn lingering into December. One year witnessed such highlights as the Coronation, the Everest exploit, Churchill's dramatic intervention in the role of global peacemaking. It also witnessed an improvement in the economic situation and a rise in the gold reserve. Shops are full and rationing has virtually ended. The slight thaw in the cold war has encouraged a revival of national optimism not to say complacency. The war is being forgotten and the emphasis is on what Americans used to call "normalcy." In this atmosphere, serious reflection temporarily is at a discount, although the Conservative weekly "Spectator" has just opened a series of articles by well-known personalities under the menacing title "Is Britain finished?"

What gives rise to such self-questioning in political and academic circles is not so much Britain's changed status in a world dominated by the two giant powers America and Russia, as an accumulation of evidence suggesting that here and there the necessary adaptation to world conditions is not being made. This is clearly true of some sectors of the economy where undue conservatism is hampering urgently needed expansion. The country has fewer technicians than it needs, though the few are brilliant. Its political record last year shines by comparison with America or France, but leadership in both parties is aging and there is a sense of staleness.

Commonwealth Problems

Above all, there is growing uneasiness over the position in the Commonwealth and Empire where centrifugal tendencies have not been overcome by the Attlee Government's dramatic Indian settlement in 1947, while the past two years have witnessed an accumulation of new stresses in Africa, blamed by Labour on the Conservatives though there is evidence that the deterioration in racial relationships dates back to the Labour Government's mishandling of the Kenya land problem and the Seretse marriage affair in 1949.

In the Middle East, both parties share the blame for a sharp decline in prestige since 1945 with no compensatory advantages such as were achieved in south-east Asia.

Over the past year, the Conservative Government has recovered some of the ground lost by its predecessor in Persia but has made no progress in Egypt and has virtually surrendered control of the Sudan. There is some evidence that just as Labour sentiment is crystallizing around the racial complex in Africa and the other colonies, so Tory opinion increasingly pivots on the Middle East and Britain's status in the region. American support for Egyptian and to some extent Persian nationalism is resented, but no alternative to the traditional policy of building on the Arab oligarchy is in sight. Egypt now holds the centre of the stage, while, Israel, though generally regarded with friendly feelings by all save a diehard remnant, is not yet viewed as a major factor. There is more interest in Turkey, mingled with some regret that the Americans got there first.

Second Fiddle

Playing second fiddle in the Middle East is a role new to Whitehall, and so far only "The Times" has bluntly proclaimed that America is now the premier power in the Mediterranean with both feet planted firmly in Spain and Turkey respectively and a fleet overshadowing all others. Thus, the year closes on a scene not in all respects, identical with that perceived by the general public which enjoys the thought that in Churchill, Britain has an elder statesman unmatched in the world and is perhaps unaware that the younger men behind him are worried over his presumptive successor. Perhaps the best sign of all is the presence among these younger Conservatives as well as their Socialist opponents of some rising talents and the general sense that both parties contain little dead wood and are far more modern-minded than before 1939.

By American standards, this is a nation where the New Deal has triumphed for good, intelligence is no longer at a discount and realism has come to stay. John Bull has lost a lot of fat, but acquired a much bigger brain in the process.

Development and Defence

The accent in Israel in 1953 was on development and defence. In the south new roads opened the way to new mining industries, and drilling for oil was begun. The former Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion and Mrs. Ben Gurion (seen here at the opening of the new road to S'dom in March) offered a personal example by settling in the Negev this month. Mr. Moshe Sharett became Acting Prime Minister and is seen here with General Van Beuniks of the U.N., who directed work on the Jordan Development Scheme halted until a decision could be arrived at in the Security Council. The bitter border war called for additional alertness on the part of Israel's Defence Forces. Above is a view of the almost finished Jordan river dam. The stream in the foreground will become a source for hydro-electric power without diverting the original course of the river. Photos by Hirshbein, Schlesinger, Bianco.

What's New

By DAHN BEN AMOTZ

WE had a very bright idea the other day: the only way to see Paris at night, to visit the underworld, to see the apaches at work, would be to tour Paris with a police patrol. The small, bald, fat, good-natured Commissar signed a pass for us and asked us to come at nine the next evening to Room 46.

When we appeared in Room 46, we were greeted by the commander of the mobile unit, an officer named Gauffre. The room was smoky and about 20 men wearing berets and raincoats were standing around. Many of them were sucking dead cigarette butts, and there was a silence in the room like the silence before action. Four machine guns and a couple of flashlights were hanging on the wall beside a detailed map of Paris. M. Gauffre, whom everyone referred to as *Chef*, introduced us to his men, some of whom nodded their heads in greeting. "I hope we'll crown a roulette tonight," said the *Chef* to his men, adding aside to us, "Crown means to arrest, in our language, and a roulette is a thief who steals from parked cars." We looked at our watch and asked him what we were waiting for. Pointing vaguely with his thumb, he said, "Instructions from the HQ." We took this chance to ask him a few questions. The brigade, as he called his unit, consists of 26 elements. It took us some time to understand that an element was a policeman. "We have four private-looking cars equipped with two-way radios, four or five men in each car. We tour the city from nine in the evening until three in the morning. Then we are relieved by another brigade. My patrol drives around in a fifth car to check on our work. If something happens," he said hopefully, "the HQ lets us know about it. We in turn inform them of our position. The nearest car proceeds to the trouble spot and the rest continue their patrol or come along if they're needed. Our main job is to get hold of the roulettes. There are many of them. And besides that we are ready for any orders, of course."

The phone rang. A whispered conversation stopped short. The receiver was handed to the *Chef*. "Oui, Patron, I understand, Patron. Very good, Patron I'll be there at half past one. Oui, Patron." He turned to his men and said, "Let's move." They fastened their raincoats and tightened their scarves around their necks. We were the last to leave the room. When we got down to the court there was only one car left. We got into the back seat next to the *Chef* and the driver started the engine. A soft rain began falling as we drove out into the street. "*Les grands boulevards*," said the *Chef*. When we got to the brightly lighted streets, which were filled with people, a policeman named Jacques, who was sitting in front next to the driver, pulled the radio antenna inside the car. "Now we look like any private Citroen," he said.

Night Patrol

We drove slowly alongside the shiny rows of parked cars around the Opera, but there was nothing doing. Sometimes Jacques would stop the car and step out as noiselessly as a cat. When we picked him up after a turn around the block, he would say, "I thought I had one this time. He was looking too much at the cars, but he was only taking his dog for a walk," or, "He disappeared," or, "He was waiting for his wife to come out." Every once in a while Jacques would inform headquarters of our position, and occasionally a hoarse voice would come through the radio to announce something we couldn't understand. The rain didn't get any heavier, it just drizzled on the dark buildings and naked trees along the boulevards. The cafes were full of people and girls were standing on the street corners looking to the faces of passers-by. The *Chef* let his eyes droop. At quarter past one Jacques told the driver to stop the car alongside a gaming alley. The *Chef* followed him out. They approached a young boy who was walking slowly under the trees carrying a small suitcase and a raincoat. The rain had stopped. They were searching his pockets. They asked him questions. The boy showed them a paper. They brought him over to the car and told him to get in the back seat. "Clichy station," said the *Chef* as we moved on.

It was pleasantly warm in the station. Three policemen were sitting around a glowing coal stove, drinking tea. A fourth was writing sentences full of beautiful letters in the police log. The boy was asked to sit down at the base table. He pulled out a piece of dry bread and kept nibbling at it during the questioning. The *Chef* and Jacques'o him and leaning forward, asked him questions in a rather friendly tone of voice. The boy was 21, born in a village in the middle of France, had been in the Army, discharged last month, didn't want to go home, came to look for work in Paris, had been looking four days. He had 500 francs when he came, spent 450 on a hotel room the first night. "Where did you sleep the following nights?" "I slept as I could," said the boy. "I didn't ask how, I asked where." He had met a North African who wanted to buy his raincoat for 300 francs. He didn't sell it. The North African gave him food and invited him to share his room. "What did he want you to do in exchange?" "Nothing, he was just trying to help me," said the boy. "But this is how things always start, mon ami," said the *Chef*. "You come to Paris without money, you walk around hungry in the streets, you have no place to sleep until somebody offers you an easy job and good payment. This is how it starts, and it always ends here, in the police station. Where will you sleep tonight?" The boy didn't know what to answer. He was nibbling at his bread and avoiding the *Chef's* eyes. "Well, I guess you had better spend the night here. If you make around the streets you'll be arrested for vagrancy and get 30 days in prison. You'll get up tomorrow morning, mon ami, and you will try very hard to get a job. Do you understand?" The boy understood. "Thank you," he said, and for the first time he looked straight into the *Chef's* eyes.

We went out again and drove around for another hour in the now almost-deserted streets before Jacques said, "Stop." Two young men were walking on the sidewalk in the light rain without raincoats. One of them was carrying a heavy suitcase. From the back window we saw the usual picture — hands up and a quick search of their pockets, questions, documents. We joined them. The suitcase was opened on the sidewalk, and it revealed an interesting collection of tinned foods. The *Chef* asked the two where the stuff had come from. They exchanged a look and mumbled something in broken English. They don't understand French," said the *Chef* aside to us. "They say they are from Israel. Ask them where the stuff is from." We translated the question into Hebrew. They looked at us in disbelief. It was a long minute before one of them answered in good Hebrew, "We bought it today in a store and left it at my sister's. I'm taking it now to our hotel. We're leaving tomorrow for Haifa. What do you want? Do you think we're thieves?" We translated their answers into French. M. Gauffre looked satisfied. He let them go. As we drove off, we saw them standing on the sidewalk looking after us with the same bewildered look. "They'll never get over this," said the *Chef* with a chuckle. "Imagine a French policeman speaking Hebrew!"

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	2240	EL AL	Nairobi, Johannesburg
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	1045	T.W.A.	Athens, Rome, Zurich, Paris, New York
WED. Jan. 6	0710	B.O.A.C.	Rome, Frankfurt, London
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	0845	T.W.A.	Athens, Rome, Milano, Geneva, Paris, New York
	1240	K.L.M.	Munich, Amsterdam
	1800	CYPRUS AIR	Nicosia, Athens
	2240	EL AL	Rome, Zurich, Paris, London, New York

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Riddle of the Jerusalem Tells

By AVRAHAM BIRAN

THE wife of an archaeologist once visited the excavations where her husband was working. She was shown around the tell and told of the ancient cities and houses the remains of which were being unearthed by the excavator's spade. As she looked at it with increased scepticism her husband pointed to a row of stone and mortar, exclaiming with enthusiasm "And this is the wall of the house!" "If you say so, maybe it is. To me, this is just rubble" she answered.

This incident comes to mind as we try to explain the importance of the recent excavations of the Jerusalem tells. To the uninitiated the tells are just heaps of stones but there is no doubt in the mind of the trained archaeologist of the scientific value of the negotiations undertaken near Jerusalem by Mrs. Ruth Amiran on behalf of the Department of Antiquities and the Israel Exploration Society. The second season of excavations of the Jerusalem *tumuli* (small tomb-hills) which lasted for six weeks has now come to a close. The newly-mapped area between Kiryat Yovel and Aminadav (Beit Mazmil and "Miss Carey's") show 11 small tells; which for lack of names have been given serial numbers. Four others have been located within Belt Zayit and one is near the Harel settlement. There may be other *tumuli* on the crests of the hills above Beit Jala and near Deir Kirmisan and Battir in Jordan territory. Perhaps an adventurous archaeologist from the Old City could explore this area and report his findings.

This picture, facing east was taken from the excavated hamah of tumulus No. 5. It shows in foreground part of the ring wall which surrounded the tumulus. In the distance is tumulus No. 4, the most conspicuous of the 11 tumuli around Jerusalem.

Paved Platform

During this season, Mrs. Amiran cleared *tumulus* No. 5 to bedrock. The whole inside of the circle (really a 17 corner polygon) was removed in order to establish whether any structure or remains existed under the large quantity of rubble. The excavations uncovered that in this *tumulus* nothing more than the paved platform, uncovered the previous season (discussed in *The Jerusalem Post* on October 16), existed. No other structure was found. Contrary to analogies in Anatolia and elsewhere, no traces of a temp could be discovered. The conclusion must be drawn that the paved platform and small pit built next to it provided with a flight of five steps leading up to it from the East were the only object for which the tumulus was erected.

Mrs. Amiran then turned her attention to *tumulus* No. 6, 100 metres to the West of the one completely cleared. It is a considerably smaller tell on the slope of a narrow valley leading down to the fertile soil of Rephaim Valley. Because of its situation, there was reason to believe that the *tumulus* might hide the opening to a cave.

The excavations of *tumulus* 6 revealed corroborative evidence to the finds in *tumulus* 5. No tomb was found here either. Only a small paved floor was discovered on the top of a well-built wall. This wall was situated off the centre of the *tumulus* and leaning against the natural slope of the valley. A considerable quantity of pottery belonging to the seventh century B.C.E. was found at the site. It is difficult to explain the abundance of pottery here and the relative scarcity on the larger upper *tumulus*.

In order to examine the largest *tumulus* of the group, No. 4, prominently visible from Kiryat Yovel, a small sounding or trial dig was made by Mrs. Amiran. On the second day of the work, a wall with a corner surrounding the tell was found. It is similar to the wall found in *tumulus* No. 5. A large quantity of pottery of the same period, end of Iron II or Israelite period was also found.

But just what do these *tumuli* mean? In the article of October 16 this writer referred to the theory of "hamot" or "high places" and to the theory of the burial-mound whose analogies can be found in Asia Minor. We now have conclusive evidence that there is no trace whatsoever of a tomb. The inescapable conclusion is, therefore, that the paved floors found in both tells and covered by large heaps of stones indeed represent the famous "Hamot". But this conclusion does not give the answer to many unsolved problems. *Bamot* are mentioned in the Bible on numerous occasions in many parts of the land. Surely these *bamot* could not be the only ones left, and if so, why not in places other than in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem? *Tumuli* No. 5 and 4 are on top of a plateau and justify the characterization of high places, but No. 6 is in small valley. True for all the host of heaven . . ." But the seventh century also saw the reign of Josiah and his religious reforms. "He did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord . . . and he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the King of Judah had ordained to offer in the high places in the cities of Judah, *and in the places round about Jerusalem* . . . and (he) defiled the high places where the priests had made offerings from Geba to Beer-sheba . . . and the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption . . . did the King defile" (II Kings chapter 23, vv.4ff.)

Josiah's reign was a reign of puritanism, and it is likely that our *tumuli* belong to that age, but not until many more excavations are undertaken and more information in the form of written documents (like the Lachish letters) are available can a definitive theory be accepted. Ezekiel in Chapter VI, verses 3-4 says "concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valley: behold I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places."

Thus, there must have been high places in the ravines, too. Still, why should this one be preserved? Another serious problem: why were these *bamot* covered so diligently by huge stone heaps? Was it meant to destroy and obliterate the *bamot* or to preserve them?

Pottery Finds

The pottery found in the three mounds so far excavated belongs to the seventh century B.C.E. The seventh century B.C.E. saw the reign of Manasseh who "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord . . . for he built again the high places which Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed . . . and he built altars

Chess

Problem No. 770
J.A. MORRA, Argentina
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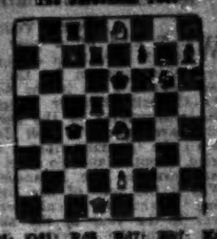


Kt1; Qd1; Rd3, Bd7; Bb7; Kt6d. Black—Pe7, e5 (5)
Kt5d; Qe4; Rd5, Pg7; Bf6; Kt4f; Pc4, f7, h4. (8)
White mates in two.

ENDGAME No. 39, F. BONDARENKO ("Shachmaty," 1953): White—Kt5f; Rh8; Kt4f; Pc4, d2, e2, (6). Black—Ka1; Re8; Bg8; Pa2, b7, d7, (5) White to play and win.

SOLUTIONS

Problem No. 779 (Berenblum): 1.Kt8d! (see correction). Problem No. 780 (Lipton): 1.Re8! Endgame No. 37 (Kasparian): 1.Kt4! Re8 2.Bd7 b4 3.Kc6 b3 4.Bb4 Kt4d 5.Kt:b3! 6.Re6! (6.(K:b3 Kt:c6+) Bd1 7.R6! (7.B:c4 B:c4 8.K:c4 Ke7) Kt8d 8.Kc5 Kt4d+ (8.-Kt:c6 9.Re7 Kt:a 7 10.Kb6) 9.Kb4 Kt8d 10.Kc5 Bc2 11.Re7! 12.Kd5 Kt:f7 13.Ke6 Kt4d+ 14.K:f3 14.Bg4 Wig1 15.Kf3) 14.Kb3 Kt8d3 15.Re7 2d1! 16.Be8! Kt4d+ 17.Kb4 — positional) draw.

SOLVING CONTEST
Problems 768—775)

Maximum : 2-3-2-3-3-3-3-12-4/34.—Fasher 30; Baer, Herzog 24; Wolf 23; Uri Grinblat 22; Kuppin 20; Bro. Jakob, Redlich 17; Zirer, Grunefeld 15; Selaby 10; Cohen 9; Rassfreund, Spitzer 6; Grasts 5; Hillel 3.

NOTES & REMARKS: It was the two-movers that took a heavy toll of solvers this time: No. 768: 1.Kte6? Bf1! 1.Kte2? Kt:c5. No. 769: 1.Ke6? Re8! 2.Kc5 Re4 2.B:R stalmate. No. 770: 1.Qe3? Be7! No. 771: 1.Kb3? Kte4! 2.Kc4 Kt:c5 3.Kd4+. 1.Be7? Rd6! 1.-Kte6 2.Kt4:c6 Ktc6 3.Rd4x. No. 773: 1.Qg2? Bd5! No. 775: 1.Q:f4? Be3! "This problem might have been dedicated as a coronation gift, showing a victorious Queen in any case!" (Grunfeld). No. 774: Several cooks, two of them in 6: 1.Qf5+ 2.Re7 — 2.Rg1! 4.Qe4+ 3.Qf5+ 4.Kte4 Be3 5.Qd4 Bg1 6.Qe4+ 3.Qf5+ 3.Qe8+ 3.Be8+ 4.Re1+ 3.Kte4 Bg1 6.Rd4+. (submitted by R. Bro.) "Has caused much trouble and sent sleepless many, when at 5.30 in the morning I discovered that 1.Rh1 Ke4 2.Qe4!" (Fasher). Messrs. Fasher and Wolf were the only solvers to point out two solutions.

Problem No. 778 (Dr. Berenblum) was found to be cooked by the composer by 1.Q:P and 1.Rc3. He resets the problem as follows: White—Ka5; Qd5; Rb6, Re5; Be6; Kt4. Kt3; Pd3, g2 (10). Black—Ke4; Qe5; Kt4d, Kt1; Pf6. (5) Mate in two.

ENDGAMES (62-64): Maximum 15. Meert, Birer, Cohen, Herzog 15; Fasher, Jakob, Redlich, Selaby 10; Bro. Grinblat, Hillel 5.

Solutions to J. Goldschmidt, Bat Mazo, Rishon LeZion.

GEMS OF THE CHESSBOARD
Game No. 625

White: Bestuzhev
Black: Vasconcellos

(Buston, 1948)

1.e4 e5 2.Kf3 Kc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d:e5 Kt:f7 5.Kt:f7 B:f2 6.Bd3 Kte7 7.0-0 Ktc6 8.Kt4 Ktc7 9.Ktc5! c6 10.Re1 Qb6 11.Rg3 Qe3 12.Kt:d3! c:d5 13.Rh3 Qa3 14.e6 Kt:e6 (Fine considered this an inferior move and suggested 14.-f:e6, but in this case too, after 15.Kt:g5 Kt:e6 16.Qf3 Kt:d5 17.Q:d5 White has the upper hand) 15.e:f7+ K:f7 16.Rb4 Kt:b4? (The decisive error: the best he could do was 16.-Be7) 17.Kte5+ Kf8 18.B:f6 Rt:d3 19.B:g7+ K:g7 20.R:b7+! Be7 (or 20.-B:b7 21.Qe3+ Kf8 22.Qf3+, and mate in a few moves): 20.-Kh8 21. Rtf7+ 22.R:h3+ Kh8 23. Rd8+! Rf8 24.Qa4 + and mate in two) 21.Qh5! Rf8 22.Qg4+! Kh8 23. Kt:g6+ h:g6 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25. Q:g6+ Kh8 26.Rb:e7, resigns. Rubinstein considers this as one of his best games.

Tiny Wrist Radio

A wrist radio has been developed at the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. It is about the size of a wrist watch, and is carried strapped to the owner's wrist.

The little radio uses five transistors instead of ordinary vacuum tubes, and can pick up radio broadcasts sent from stations 24 kilometres away.

Powered by a mercury battery a little larger than the tip of a pencil, the radio has a short antenna which is concealed in the wearer's sleeve. The incoming sound is carried to the wearer's ears through wires that connect to a hearing-aid earpiece.

Although the tiny radio does not need transmit messages, it can receive programmes on a tuning range of 1,000 to 1,400 kilocycles. This is about half of the standard broadcast band. The radio is housed in a transparent plastic case about five centimetres long, three centimetres wide, and two centimetres thick. *UBIS*

STAR-GAZING

THE main event of the month is the total eclipse of the moon during the night of the 18th-19th. At 02:30 hours the moon enters the earth's shadow. The eclipse will first be seen at a spot corresponding to the space between the figures 11 and 12 on the clock; totality will last from 04:18 to 06:7 hours, but even during this total phase the moon will not become entirely invisible. While the moon generally appears as a flat disc, it gives the impression of a globe suspended in the universe during the eclipse (as is in fact the case). It is always a pleasure to observe how more and more stars become visible as the eclipse proceeds, while gradually during periods of full moon, the moonlight outshines most stars.

Aspect of the sky at nine and seven p.m. are: almost exactly in the south are Auriga and Taurus where Jupiter shines brightly. Orion approaches the meridian; below and to the left of the pentagon-shaped Auriga are the Twins, easily identified by their main stars Castor and Pollux. The blue-white Regulus, brightest star of the Lion, has just risen.

The enthusiastic stargazer will endeavour to observe Saturn and Mars on the morning of both the second and third of the month. In the evening of the second, Mars passes Saturn, since it is nearer the sun and therefore circles it quicker than the latter. At this time the two planets are not seen here, but on the mornings of the second and the third they will easily be found as they are very close together (about a full moon width apart). Saturn is the brighter and to the left; Mars which will come closer to the earth in the course of the year and therefore will be mentioned frequently in our reports, is between first and second magnitude, its red colour already rather conspicuous. *JOSEPH SMOIRA*

TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Krakauer Drawings

AFTER a long interval, Leopold Krakauer of Jerusalem is showing a collection of his drawings at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Forty works are on view, divided into "Thorns," "Trees," "Landscapes" and "Figures," all executed in black chalk. Krakauer is a visionary who sees "infinity in a grain of sand and a Heaven in a wild flower" and his giant-sized thorns become more than depictions of plants, they blaze sun-like or droop with an almost human exhaustion.

But for the reviewer, it is in his landscapes that Krakauer is most impressive. He has lived in the country since 1925 and the close attachment he has developed for the hatch hillsides of Jerusalem is discernible in every study. There is a real grandeur in these drawings and a remarkable feeling of space. He can take a crumbling archway set against a stretch of barren country and make an epic out of it. Krakauer is a unique personality among Israel's artists. *S. W.*

BRIDGE

SOLUTION OF NOVEMBER PROBLEMS

By JERUSALEMITE

Only now are we able to publish the solutions of our November set of problems.

(1) Match-points, East-West vulnerable.

South	West	North	East
1C	—	1H	—
1S	—	2S	—
?			

South holds:
S. A Q 10 9 7
H. 5
D. A
C. Q J 10 8 3 2

South bids four diamonds to show his slam-mindedness, inviting his partner later to show his club control.

(4 diamonds — 5 points; 4 clubs — 3 p.; 4 spades — 2 p.; 4 no-trumps — 1 p.).

(2) Rubber bridge, both sides vulnerable.

North	East	South	West
1H	—	?	

South holds:
S. A 8 5
H. 7 4 3 2
D. A K 3
C. 7 3 2

South bids two diamonds. The hand is too barren to jump to 2 no-trumps, and further exploration is required to clarify the nature of North's holding.

Personally we would prefer a mere one spade overcall, which will give North greater freedom of action. But the experts have decided otherwise. (2 diamonds — 5; 1 spade — 4; 3 or 3 hearts — 1.)

(3) Match-points, neither side vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
1H	Db	1S	?

South holds:
S. Q 10 8 7
H. 8
D. Q J 9 8 5
C. K 9 5

South doubles. North can reasonably be expected to hold spades himself, and East therefore seems to be bluffing; a double is the only way to smoke him out.

(double — 5; 2 diamonds — 1.)

(4) Rubber bridge, both sides vulnerable.

North	East	South	West
1C	—	1H	—
1S	—	?	

South holds:
S. 4 3
H. 10 9 7 5 4 3 2
D. A K
C. K 6

South bids three hearts. Here again we would prefer a direct leap to four hearts, because it seems to be rather inconsistent to call for a decision and then later to take out the likely three no-trumps response into four hearts.

(3 hearts — 5; 4 hearts — 2.)

(5) Match-points, North-South vulnerable.

North	East	South	West
1S	Db	?	

South holds:
S. 5
H. K 10 8 6
D. Q J 9 7
C. K J 8 4

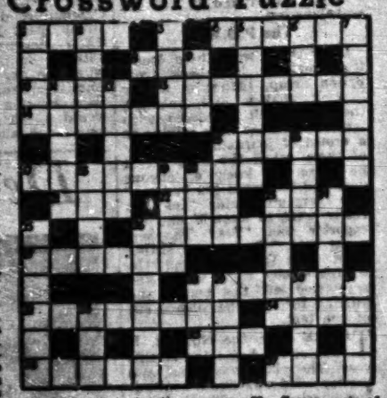
South redoubles. His primary object is to double for penalties any subsequent overcall, and by redoubling he assumes leadership. A four-trick set will be the most likely outcome.

(Redouble — 5; pass — 2; 1 no-trumps — 1).

The winners of the two sets of problems for the last quarter: October — Mrs. R. Zusman, 20 points; November — Mrs. R. Zusman, 25 points.

The highest total for the quarter (out of a possible 65 points), Mr. T. Segal, 54 points.

POST Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS. — 1. Very the pace. 4. In dreamland. 8. May be shot by a schoolboy. 10. They finished off Euripides. 13. Often taken in pain. 14. They go with gin. 15. Hang around in ladies' underwear. 17. Don't stand up when setting an ambush. 21. Portion of kipper served with 23. Am I upset? 22. A bit of a shark purchase. 26. Seat of justice. 27. Remember the caller's arrangement. 29. Travelling's a pull for him. 32. Not exactly well-nourished. 34. One of those Hoffman yarns? 35. Pick among the elite. 36. Hunting expedition. 37. Marjorie's nose?

DOWN.— 1. Bed for a burglar? 2. He may count his feet when working. 3. There's a lever for it in a car. 5. Courage or a source of Dutch courage. 6. You could find him in the Bible, likely enough. 7. Father's attempt at cookery? 8. Animal in a glass case. 11. It's way down South. 12. A climber may tread on it. 15. I'm not a full member! 16. She sounds like the wind. 18. Barker? 19. Must one break the law in building it? 20. Ida couldn't be a handicap. 23. Number one Wood St.? 24. Where to find Len and Fa abroad. 25. They may be hard to eat. 28. Put nothing on the organ for him. 29. Person who's in the money. 30. Comes out of the stage-door. 30. No Woman. 31. It may be this or nothing. 33. Red may follow him.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS.—1. Caps. 4. Asleep. 9. Pea. 10. Ides. 12. Aspirins. 14. Bitters. 15. Linger(ie). 17. Lie in wait. 21. Err. 22. Aim. 23. Fix. 26. Old Bailey. 27. Recall. 32. Caraman. 33. Starving. 34. Tale. 35. Eel. 36. Safari. 37. Beak.

DOWN.—1. Crib. 2. Post. 3. Gear. 5. Spirit. 6. Ell. 7. Pa's-try. 8. Ass. 11. Dixie. 12. Stair. 13. L-I'm-h. 16. Gall (Gale). 18. Eric. 19. Wal-l. 25. Aid. 28. Fir-St. 24. Nepal. 25. Crusts. 26. O-liver. 28. One. 29. Aged. 30. Male. 31. Neck (or nothing). 33. Alf (red).

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Radio Review

Lighter Propaganda

NAHLAT Goldstein' by Yehuda Haezrachi, which was broadcast in the Children's Hour last Friday, will not set the Yarkon on fire, but it had a redeeming quality — an element of humour. This is a quality conspicuously absent from most broadcasts sponsored by national institutions. Deadly earnestness characterizes these features, and I have never yet heard anyone in the weekly 'Labour Front' series ever venture anything remotely purporting to be funny.

On the other hand, 'Nahlat Goldstein' managed to inject all the requisite propaganda for the Jewish National Fund, and still maintain a light touch. It told of a veteran American Zionist, in whose name a *nahalat* had been planted, who came to claim his plot. It is a rich idea and the imagination can run riot at its extension — the hills of Judea swarming with distinguished Zionists searching for their groves. The development of the plot tended to be loose and too many characters were introduced. In fact, the playlet mirrored the difficulties of kibbutz drama which have beset playwrights in our theatres: only as this was a light feature for children, the standards of criticism were less exacting and we were more prepared to accept the improbabilities and the absence of serious character-building. The performance throughout was lively and was only marred by Mr. Goldstein's American accent. There can be no objection in a programme for children in reproducing an accent (as Mrs. Goldstein managed successfully), but it is not tactful to parody the accent. Immigrants from English-speaking countries tend to be sufficiently self-conscious about their Hebrew accents without having their oddities exaggerated before a youthful audience.

Real Service

Sunday's edition of 'Milestones' came from Givat Ada, and once again this feature managed to open up real and pertinent problems. Although its nature precludes a thorough probe or investigation of a potential solution, the programme provides a real service in airing difficulties that are festering beneath the surface.

The settlers of Givat Ada brought a realistic picture of the drab aspect of agricultural life, stressing the hard work and the lack of cultural activities and outlets. Youngsters with cultural or academic ambitions drift away, and the entire populace seems to concentrate on its farming with singleness of purpose. The voice of the dissidents is presumably not that of the majority, but it was meritorious to let them express their views.

The greatest disservice that can be done in the back-to-the-land campaign (as in the drive to encourage *aliya* from abroad) is to build up false hopes and paint the position over-optimistically. The resultant disillusionment will not only affect the settler but he will infect others with his bitterness.

This lesson has still to be learned in many circles in the country. There are those who persist in labelling every aspect of life as perfect: the consequence is loss of confidence. By fully admitting the difficulties and hardships — albeit with appropriate explanations — we will reach a more solid basis among Israelis and Jews abroad. Any chink in the iron curtain of official reticence is to be welcomed, and 'Milestones' is serving as a useful safety valve in this respect.

The custom has been introduced of giving traffic warnings every evening after the summary of the evening's programmes. These little notices are an admirable idea, and it is proper that the radio should be used to broadcast such announcements. But their impact is entirely nullified when they are read in the same monotone as the programme details. The point is missed when the slogan 'Death lurks at the crossroads' is delivered in the same voice as details of 'Noah's Ark' (incidentally the very antithesis of a traffic problem). These traffic announcements should have an air of urgency, which can be conveyed by a change in reading tempo which should not be beyond our announcers' capabilities.

Pick of next week's listening: Music of Villa-Lobos (Second Programme: today at 4); The children of Kfar Blum explain how to drain a swamp (today at 4.30); A visit to Beit Ekron (Tuesday at 1.40); Prokofieff's 2nd Piano Concerto. (Sunday at 8.40); Albert Schweitzer playing Bach organ music (Sunday at 8.30); "Fifty Years of Powered Flight" (Monday at 8.00); Galsworthy's "The Mob" (Monday at 9.)

Audio

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 402 M.; HAIFA: 260 M.; TEL AVIV: 342, 62.5 & 202 M.

TODAY

2.00 p.m. Service. 2.10 Discussion. 2.40 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.50 Music (R). 9.30 News Time Service (relay from the Great Synagogue, Zion Square). 10.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

12.30 "Music at Noon" (R). 12.50 "Military Bands" (R). 12.55 Programme for Hospitals (R). 1.45 Break for Music. 2.00 Children's Songs. 2.10 Kabbalat Shabat. 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Children's Hour. 5.00 Classical Record Programme: Carlos Paez in Jr. Bach Concerto (Beethoven); Piano Concerto K.467 (Mozart); "Winterdreams" Suite (Tchaikovsky). 7.00 Light Music. 8.15 Jr. Bach. 8.30 Talk. 8.50 Bible Study. 9.00 News. 9.40 Friday Night Concert. Concerto "Le Tombeau de Couperin" (Ravel); Symphonie Concertante (Mozart); Piano Concerto, Alberto Ginastera; Piano Concerto (Weber). Paris Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Eugene Bigot, Soloist: Robert Casadesus; 3 Piano Symphony (Liszt). U.S.S.R. Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Nathan Rakhlin, Soloist: Emil Gilels. 10.30 Songs (R). 11.30 Close Down.

7.30 a.m. Service and Melodies. 8.45 News (R). 9.05 Morning Concert: "Pastoral Symphony" (Vinteuil). Part II. 10.00 Musical Quiz. 10.30 Literature Corner. 11.00 Concert Hall: Concerto in D major for Orchestra (Bach); Double Concerto (Brahms). 12.30 Recitals (R). 1.00 Theatre and Opera. 1.45 Classical Recordings. 2.00 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Lucky Listener. 4.55 Light Music (R). 5.00 Opera: "Manon" (Massenet) Acts I & II. 6.00 Don Quixote. 7.00 Musical Quiz. 7.05 "Guests in the Studio." 7.30 Light Music (R) 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Questions & Answers. 8.10 Bible Study. 8.40 Concert. 9.00 Newsreel. 9.30 Folk Dances. 9.50 Melech Malka. 10.00 Interlude. 10.05 Dance Music. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

Sabbath Music. 1.0 p.m. 10.10 p.m. French. 2.00 p.m.

Today: 2.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.00 Music (R). 4.30 Talk. 4.45 Close Down.

Tomorrow: 4.00 p.m. Music of Our Time. 4.45 Professional Music. 5.15 Legends. 5.30 Choir. 5.40 Folk Dances. 6.15 Close Down.

RADIO ZION (1,500 M.): 11.15 Esperanto & News. 11.30 The Land of Israel. 11.45 News of the Week.

Tomorrow: 11.15 News & Programme Highlights. 11.25 Jewish. 11.35 "The Week in the Knesset." 11.50 Melech Malka. 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

ARAB PROGRAMME (44.4 M., 49.83 M. & 31.1 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Quran. 7.00 Time, News & Comment. 7.30 Friday Night Programme. 8.0 From the Synagogue. 8.30 From the Mosque. 9.0 News. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Opening. 4.35 Saturday Night Programme. 6.45 Folk Dances. 7.00 Variety. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Music (R). 8.00 Questions & Answers. 8.10 News. 8.30 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

ARMENIAN PROGRAMME: Broadcasts (44.71 & 31.32 M.): 6.30-7.30 p.m. Today: News, Music, Talk. Tomorrow: Music, Songs, Talk. (Relay from Armenian Monastery). Records. Programme in Armenian. International Commentary.

Rural and Suburban Settlement Company Rassco Ltd.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1953.

	IL. Authorised	IL. Issued and paid	IL.	IL.
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES:				
Share capital:				
Ordinary Shares of IL. 1 each	400,000	321,674		
Ordinary "B" Shares of IL. 1 each	200,000	200,000		
Preferred Ordinary Sh. of IL. 20 each	400,000	277,780		
	1,000,000	859,564		
General Reserve		40,000		
Special Reserve		33,070		
Reserve for revaluation of machinery		121,554		
Profit and Loss Account:				
Balance of Profit		16,827		
		1,069,795		
DEBENTURES AND LONG TERM LIABILITIES:				
Debentures secured by a floating charge on all of the company's assets:				
4% Debentures due 1961/68	1,750			
4% Debentures due 1947/61	5,540			
4% Debentures due 1956/63	50,000			
4½% Debentures due 1951/67	44,000			
4½% Debentures due 1951/67	41,750			
5% Debentures due 1952/69	56,350			
	199,450			
Debenture interest accrued	2,769			
		192,199		
Debentures Application Account		50,000		
Loans secured by a floating charge on the assets of the Company or by a pledge on part of the assets	1,050,972			
Loans in foreign currency and bills payable	981,355			
Less: Liabilities of The Jewish National Fund c/a of these loans	881,191	100,164		
		1,151,869		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Banks and other loans:				
Loans secured by a floating charge on the assets of the Company or by a pledge on part of the assets	13,056			
Other loans	90,077			
	103,133			
Payments by settlers and participants in housing projects c/a of their contracts and deposits	241,372			
Bills payable	143,976			
Sundry creditors and credit balances (including provision for dividends and income tax)	2,774,422			
Subsidiary Companies, current a/c	10,066			
Affiliated Companies, current a/c	82,825			
		3,447,377		
Contracts to be carried out (including provision for sundry liabilities, less part of profits)	4,239,976			
Less: work carried out (see Development, Settlement and Housing projects, under assets)	3,847,600	792,376		
		6,686,421		
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:				
Documentary credits	230,000			
Guarantees	881,000			
	1,111,000			

On behalf of the Board of Directors:
Dr. A. GRANOT, Director
Dr. V. FORRER, Managing Director

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LAND DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING PROJECTS, AT COST:		
Freehold property, partly not yet registered in the name of the Company, and partly registered in the name of a Subsidiary or Affiliated Companies	321,886	
Amounts invested in development of freehold and leasehold land	185,198	
Development, Settlement and Housing Projects, work in progress, and houses for sale	5,623,400	
	6,130,489	
Less: Work carried out on account of contracts with settlers (see contracts, under liabilities)	3,847,600	
	2,273,089	
Buildings in housing projects, at cost, less written off	97,101	
Goods in stock, at cost, as certified by the management	1,264,977	
Advances on account of goods	198,893	
		3,833,860
FIXED ASSETS:		
Shares in Subsidiary Companies, at cost:		
Building Companies	112,340	
Other Companies	20,952	
	55,370	190,662
Payment o/a of shares		
Shares in Affiliated Building and Development Companies, at cost		44,340
Securities at market value, below cost 58,347		
Government and Municipality Loans, at cost	14,961	73,308
Payment o/a of shares in sundry companies		27,714
		335,024
Offices and stores, at cost, less written off		21,760
Machinery, building and equipment in workshops, at cost, less written off	180,626	
(The change in the value of the Israel Pound was not taken into account in the calculation of the amount written off)		
Added value according to revaluation	121,514	
	302,140	
Scaffoldings, tools and spare parts	60,026	
Cars and furniture at cost, less amount written off	47,979	390,134
Long term loans to Institutions and payments o/a of investments		460,976
		1,209,135
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Debtors:		
Settlers and participants in housing projects, less provisions for doubtful debts	791,338	
Debtors, less provision for doubtful debts	371,437	
Subsidiary Companies, current a/c	142,216	
Interest and expenses in advance	32,023	
	1,342,774	
Cash and Banks:		
Cash at Banks & Credit Institutions	472,656	
Cash in hand	11,622	
		1,827,752
EXPENSES TO BE WRITTEN OFF:		
Expenses in connection with the increase of capital and the issue of debentures, less written off		9,859
		6,686,421

Statement pursuant to section 267 of the Companies Ordinance 1929:
Profits of the Subsidiary Companies have not been included in the above accounts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:
Dr. A. GRANOT, Director
Dr. V. FORRER, Managing Director

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RURAL AND SUBURBAN SETTLEMENT COMPANY RASSCO LTD.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account annexed thereto, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for our audit have been received from branches not visited by us. The said Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are in agreement with the books of account, and in our opinion and according to the explanations given to us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at March 31, 1953, and the Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the profit of the Company for the year ended on that date.

BAWLY, MILLNER, BIRCH & CO.
Public Accountants, London.

November 30, 1953.